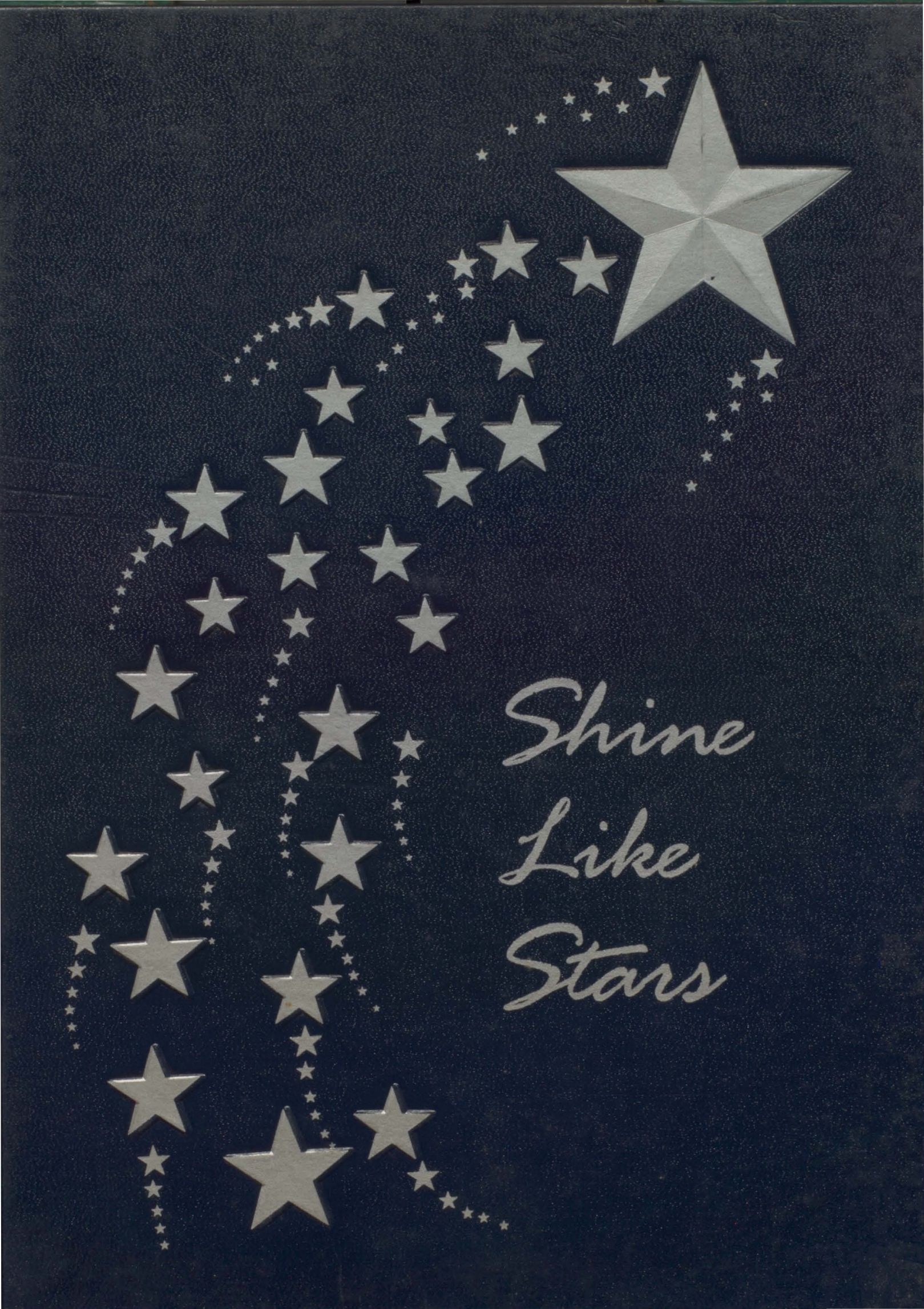
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A star. Webster defines it as " a heavenly body appearing as a fixed luminous point in the sky. To mankind, however, the impact of these sparkles of light are much larger than a scholarly definition.

Ever since the beginning of life, people have been fascinated with the diamondlike points that shimmer overhead. Tiny tots are taught to lisp "Twinkle, twinkle little star," lovers stroll beneath the sparkling canopy, ship captains set their course by the stars. The captivation with stars has only grown over the years, though it wasn't until recent history that scientists opened up knowledge of their distance, size, purpose and makeup.

To Christians, stars hold a deeper meaning. It was a star that led Wise Men to Baby Jesus in Bethlehem. Even greater, we know the One who made each star and knows all about each one. The Creator of the stars has given believers a high calling. . ."To be blameless and pure. . .in a crooked and depraved generation in which [we] shine as stars in the universe." (Phil 2:14-15)

Shine like stars? What an awesome challenge! How can it ever be achieved? For many, Nebraska Christian is part of the answer to reaching that challenge.

A visitor to Nebraska Christian may not realize it, but he/she is actually seeing a place where stars are in the making. Sound extreme? It's the very reason most students attend--with lights already burning, but adding help in keeping them clean, bright, pure, and alive. That isn't an easy task in a dark world.

For young people today, the world is a scary place, soiled by the shadows and the grime of sin--racism, hatred, broken homes, drugs, violence. The future seems grim and pointless. The flickering, unstable lights they do see along the way lead to the tunnel of despair, and fail to bring hope and peace in the already dark and dying world.

That is why NC exists. If one tiny star can make a ray of hope in a dark place, imagine what many can do together. All over the campus, in the fifth grade history class, in the high school chapel, tenth grade biology, on the court or the playground, the truth of God's Word serves as the foundation to help points of light sharpen their focus and gleam brightly.

Some students have bright lights that shine for many to see. Other lights are smaller. Some may flicker, while others seem to never dim. Each light and life is unique, as different from each other as the home each comes from.

But the lights are united by one goal--to become more like the Creator of the stars, to be shining examples of godliness in a generation where few can be seen, and to share that glorious light of Jesus with those who never heard.

It is extreme! It is an awesome task, but NC provides an excellent training ground to move toward the goal under the guidance of truth, spiritual leaders, and caring friends.

No matter what size or type of light an individual may have, it is only a reflection of The Light of Christ. At NC, students desire to come together to lift up that Light. This is the common, uniting goal, bringing students and teachers closer together, no matter the differences, fulfilling the mission to be "shining stars."

Nathan Kauk, John Breese, Mr. Ritenour, and **Brian Urwiller** set up the sandwiches for the annual Sub Day. During lunch, students finished off twenty-four feet of Subway sandwiches.

Stuart Hostetler and **Josh Schreiber** act as a closet to help **Mr. Musgrave** illustrate "clothing with humility" during chapel.

People

From the first day of kindergarten to the long-anticipated graduation day, school memories compose a collage of laughter, tears, sadness and joy. This collage is as diverse as each person, but several memories stand out throughout the years.

Elementary is a carefree time of recess, cursive, and show and tell. Memories of jump-rope, football, and fluoride days rush back during a class party or study hall. Elementary is a time of learning basics, and forming friendships and memories that will last forever.

In Junior High, students adjust to being with the high school on a day-to basis and trying not to act too "foolish" in front of them, in fear of what they might think. Junior High students also gain the privileges of sports, band and lockers, as well as the joys of a somewhat stricter dress code, more homework, and chapel notes.

The Freshman year brings activities such as speech and choir. This is a vital year as many students shape their identities when they choose activities, friends, and classes, while still worrying about what the upperclassmen think of every move they make.

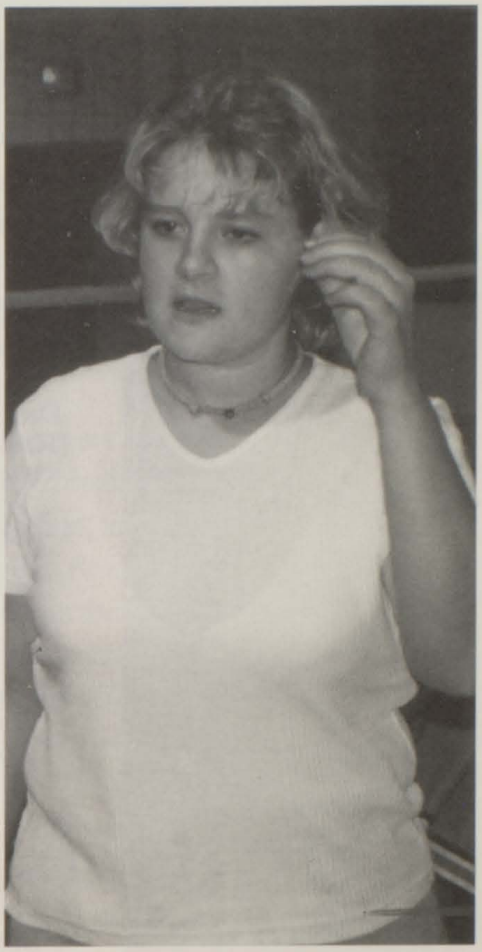
Sophomores usually have a fun year, since they are established in high school activities and know what goes on in the teenage mind. The idea of finals is normal now, and do not scare a sophomore in the same way it could have in the past.

Juniors gain a rush of responsibility, with concessions and preparations for Junior-Senior. Juniors realize that not many people care if they act silly or not, because the main things scaring them are Algebra 2 tests or if enough was ordered for the pop machines.

Seniors immediately gain a fresh outlook. With just nine months left until graduation, they hurriedly fill out applications, aid forms and finish term papers. Seniors are no longer scared of others. They are scared of college essays, ACT scores, and the rest of their lives. The Senior class looks forward to that final day, walking across and feeling the diploma secure in hand.

A memory is made in each school day to add to the collage of each person. Each collage is different, but all are beautiful. Each school day, no matter how boring, must be cherished, because the memories will last forever in the collage of each person's life.

--Emily Sue Ferris



Senior **Shell Berck** pauses during a pep rally for the Eagles.

Junior **Mike Coleman** smiles with relief after the football team's victory over Petersburg. Mike said that his favorite season of the year is fall because he likes to play football so much.

Senior **Mike Fuller** looks up from digging potatoes during the Senior potato dig in an attempt to relieve his aching back.

Tifany Chase and **Miss Lipke** squint through a film of whipped cream and cherries to recover from the pie-eating contest at the all-school social.

Phyllis Ballagh, Art
Harold Cook, Custodian
Doris Dockweiler, Cook
Elsie Dockweiler, Advance
Tom Dockweiler, Business Manager

Judy Garwood, Girl's Dorm
Gilbert Glad, Public Relations
Sandi Griepenstroh, History
Barb Hoff, English
Daurice Hower, 1st-2nd Grades

Deb Johnson, Boy's Dorm
Tim Johnson, Boy's Dorm
Sharon Lipke, Home Ec.
Lois Ludden, Secretary
Karen Miotke, Secretary

Jon Musgrave, Bible
Lela Musgrave, Cook
Donna Pederson, Library
Marlow Pederson, Shop
Lorraine Prusa, Science

Kayleen Riley, Cook
Carl Ritenour, Administrator
Kathy Ritenour, Counselor
Bob Ritta, Maintenance
Sue Ritta, Secretary

Amy Shotkoski, Kindergarten
Denise Schreiber, 3rd-4th Grades
Larry Schreiber, P. E.
Janice Stuhmer, 5th-6th Grades
Bill Uhler, Math

Jacky Uhler, Business
Elaine Wischmeier, Music

Mr. and Mrs. Uhler dressed up as twins for Spirit Week Twin Day. Mrs. Uhler said that they dressed up together because, "After teaching students for so long, you start acting like one."

Attendance, flag salutes, announcements, lesson plans, making copies and correcting tests are just some of the things occupying a teacher's day. Students usually think they have too much work, and that teachers spend their time trying to think of long, time consuming assignments to keep their students occupied. In reality, teachers do put a lot of time and effort into their classes to make them organized and enjoyable. Teachers want to enable students to have a working knowledge of the subject matter to become effective and responsible in giving back to others. Students are being prepared for the future.

Faculty and Staff

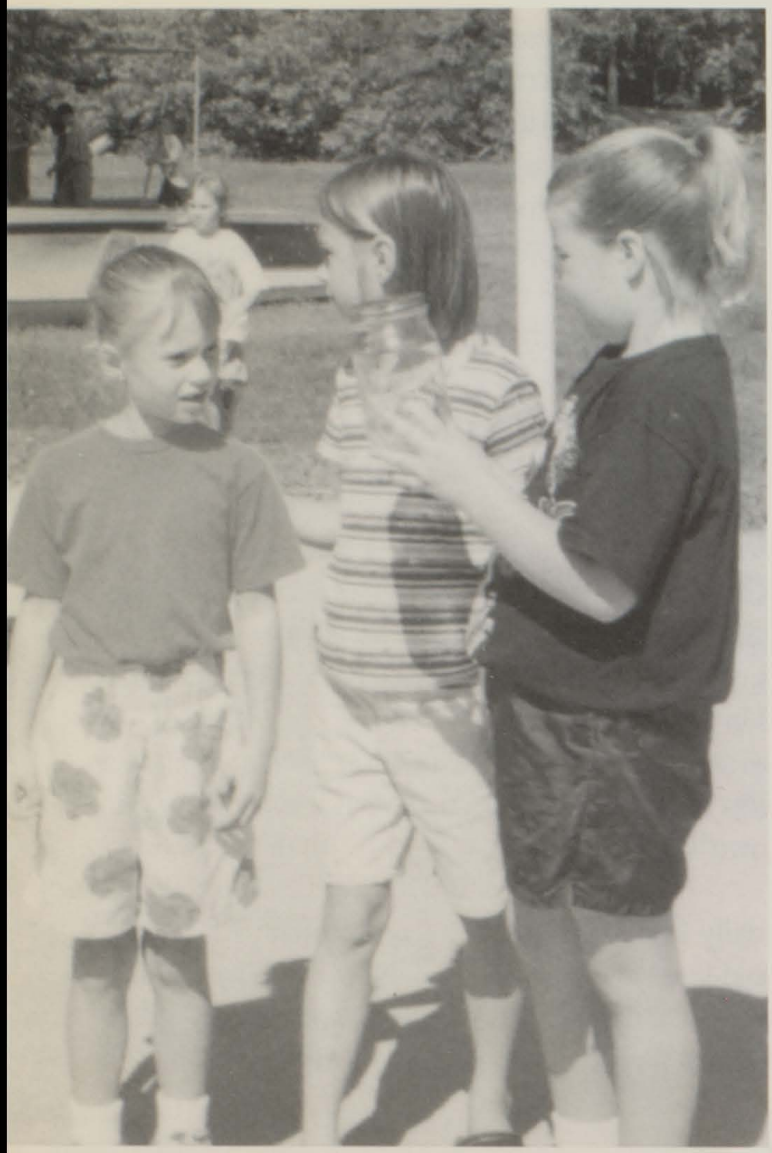
Teachers also play another part in students lives--that of role models and examples to students of the Christian life-style. They teach children to love God with all their heart, soul, mind, and disciple students to develop the characteristics of Christ in their lives. Being with teachers give students a chance to see them model Christlikeness in their daily lives. By providing knowledge of God and His control of all things and teaching students how to apply His commands in real life, they help students to formulate a Christian mind and put these principles into practice in their own lives.

Teachers also need to be daily learners in order to teach others. 2 Peter 3:18 says, "But grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ." Christ should invade all areas of life and this excitement should flow forth to encourage and motivate students, helping them to truly "Shine like Stars."

--Miss Lipke

Several teachers, including **Mrs. Wischmeier**, **Miss Lipke**, **Mrs. Stuhmer**, **Mrs. Schreiber**, and **Mr. Schreiber**, participated in See You at The Pole.

Mrs. Griepenstroh sends a look of disdain to a wayward student in American History Class.



Mariah Anderson, Jordan Davis, and Kylee Bokelman inspect a bug during recess.

Is it hot? **Mrs. Hower**'s class feels the heat come off the new asphalt track for a science project.

Mariah Anderson
Jordan Fishler
Abigail Krug
Bryant Shotkoski
Christopher Toukan

Caleb Urban
Stephanie Ritta
Katie Beck
Andrew McHargue
Ryan Penick

Ashley Reha
Christine Ritta
Jonathan Ritta
Hallie Snider
Annalise Anderson

Tony Deichmann
Samuel Stuhmer
Micah Unruh
Kylee Bokelman
Phillip Cunningham

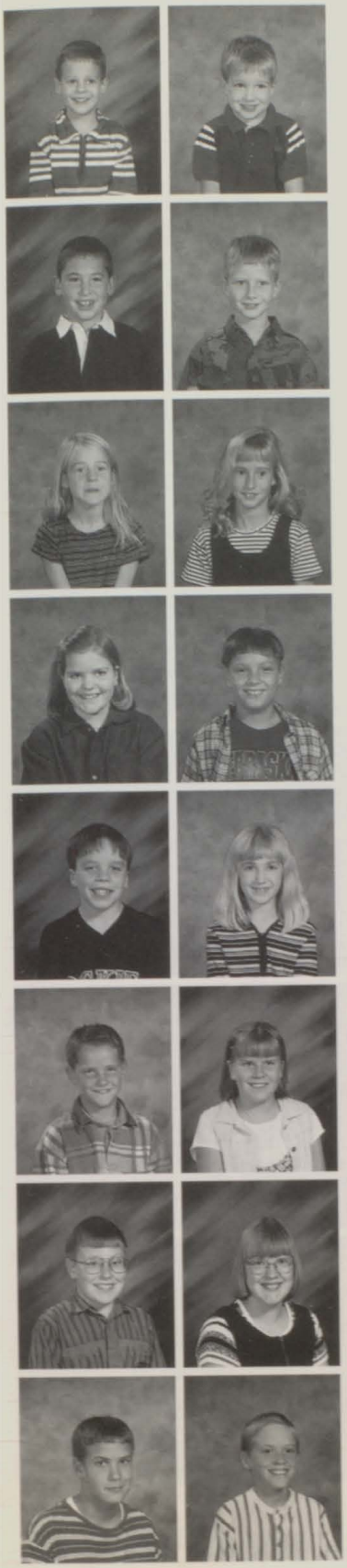
Jordan Davis
Carmen Dockweiler
Felicia Finley
Billy Griepenstroh
Celeste Hattan

Samuel Krug
Chris Senkbile
Ashley Stone
Ryan Weedin
Jessica Kirby

Alina McIntyre
Valerie Ritta
Tyler Schreiber
Michael Wegner
Mikayla Wegner

Holly Urban
Jason Weedin
Melody Dockweiler
Michael Kaiser
Matt Patrick

Drew Schreiber
Kaelee Stone
Benjamin Unruh



The elementary classes saw quite a few changes. First, the teachers had different classes and in different classrooms. Mrs. Shotkoski's kindergarten class had a room of its own, and Mrs. Hower's first and second grade classes were in East Hall. Mrs. Schreiber and Mrs. Stuhmer taught the third through sixth grade classes in West Hall.

Another change was the arrival of Mrs. Shotkoski as the new kindergarten teacher, teaching her young students colors, letters, and numbers each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Elementary

The most obvious change was the new playground equipment for the elementary students. This equipment was donated, as was the time spent by many dedicated parents who helped to set it in place. Teeter-totters, soccer goals, a volleyball net, tether ball and merry-go-round were added to the NC playground in an attempt to make recess more enjoyable. According to numerous elementary students, as well as their teachers, the merry-go-round is the new recess "hot spot" on the playground.

Overall, from the new classrooms, to the new teacher and the new playground, the elementary classes like the changes seen in their area of the school.

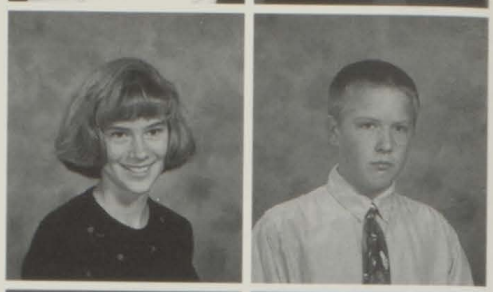
--Jessica Zaruba

Elementary students whirl around on the new merry-go-round that sixth grader **Drew Schreiber** helped to dig.

Junior High girls **Lisa Weedin, Stephanie Deichmann, Ashley Chase, Jennifer McIntire, Katie Cunningham** and **Amy Schreiber** form a pyramid at a flag football game.

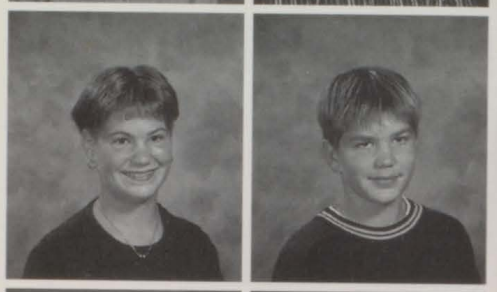
Seventh:
Ashley Chase
Rachel Cooper
Mark Creutzberg

Stephanie Deichmann
Jonathan Kirby
Aaron McHargue



Jennifer McIntyre
Ryan Rouse
Jeremy Urban

Lisa Weedin
Eighth:
Sean Bokelman
Katie Cunningham



Chase Francl
Titus Hattan
Jon Reha

Stephen Reha
Andrew Ritta
Amy Schreiber
Not Pictured:
Tiffani Jepson

Eighth Grade officers: Secretary Katie Cunningham, Treasurer Amy Schreiber, Vice President Chase Francl, President Sean Bokelman, Student Council Representative Titus Hattan.

Titus Hattan shows his Eagle spirit at Homecoming with a fuzzy blue wig.

The nineteen Junior High students bring unique gifts and lots of energy to school. Many of the Junior High students have attended Nebraska Christian since their kindergarten year. These students look forward to entering the final stage of school before college when they become freshmen within the next couple of years.

Each year brings changes to curriculum and activities. The Junior High can now take art and typing classes. Most of the students enjoy these classes, although typing can be difficult at times. P.E. changed in that part of the curriculum is a health class. This addition will help them learn more about healthy living and caring for their bodies.

Junior High

Sports are always a big part of school and the same priority exists in the current Junior High. It is a challenge, but players enjoyed the challenge, the practices, the learning, and the competition, because it is a great way to prepare for high school sports.

Girls are involved with Home Ec. class, an enjoyable opportunity to learn about life skills in cooking, sewing, and child care. The boys enjoy shop class and learning things that will help them to be creative and helpful.

All together, school is pretty good! The eighth graders can't wait to enter high school and all the new activities that come with the change, especially the anticipation of new students in the future.

Junior high is a time of change, growth, and preparation for high school. Many times this is a challenge, but these junior high students have lots of energy and heart.

--Denae Denning

Seventh Grade Officers: Vice-President Ashley Chase, President Rachel Cooper, Student Council Representative Stephanie Deichmann, Secretary/Treasurer Jeremy Urban.

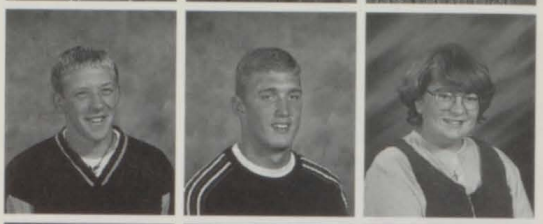
Freshmen class members **Adrienne Stelk, Weston Cooper** and **Nathan Litchfield** try to stay awake as they wait for History to begin.

Kassia Anderson
Sarah Buller
Weston Cooper
Clint Cunningham

Denae Denning
Jacob Fishler
Marla Fuller
Lanea Garwood

Laura Huebert
Rebecca Johnson
Robert Johnson
Rachel Kaiser

Mickey Kinney
Nathan Krug
Amanda Linder
Nathan Litchfield



Scott McPeak
Bonni Meckel
Amber Medbery
Greg Prusa

Amber Regier
Andrew Russell
Jamie Senkbile
Adrienne Stelk

Nathaniel Zornes

Not Pictured:
Alyssa Dirks
Jeremy Jepson
Rebecca Janzen

Freshmen class officers: Secretary Marla Fuller, Student Council Representative Kassia Anderson, Treasurer Mickey Kinney, Vice President Sarah Buller, President Jamie Senkbile

Amber Medbery attaches the reed to her saxophone mouthpiece as she gets ready for band.

Twenty-five Freshmen started the year full of anticipation and excitement of what high school would be like. The thirteen students that attended last year were joined by fourteen new faces, plus three later in the year, doubling the class size. This combined class of many different personalities made new interests and learned to adjust to the demands ofhigh school.

The students came from a variety of backgrounds. Some had been together since kindergarten, while others came from small towns or rural schools, or had been home-schooled. Each brought a different personality, making it a fun and unique class.

Freshmen

The freshmen discovered what their talents and abilities were by getting involved in the many extracurricular activities. **Laura Huebert** commented that the activities to be involved with set NC off from her old school. From sports to speech to music, the class had fun learning with each other and growing together. When asked about the difference between junior high and high school, **Nathan Krug** replied, "You get more respect from everybody. High School sports are awesome; it's a whole new level of intensity."

God brought the Freshmen class together to accomplish His will, by helping them to work and grow together as they entered their high school careers.

--Marla Fuller

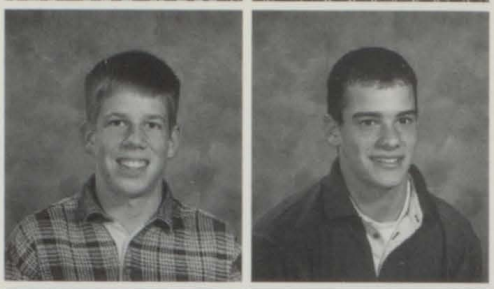
Mr. Ritenour talks to **Nathan Krug** as he helps him fix his tie during choir on dress-up day.

Nathan McHargue and **Curt Patrick** take a break from reading *The Odyssey* in English to discuss the main points of the story.

Chad Armstrong
Carisa Bergen
Susan Breese

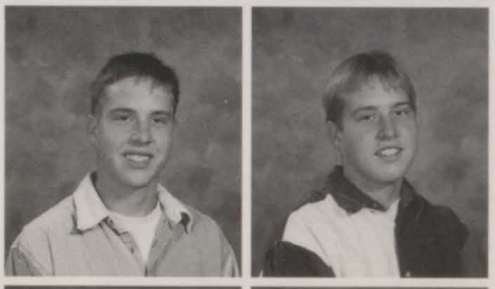
Chet Deichmann
Dereck Fishler
Amanda Johnson

Tyler Jones
Nathan Kauk
Nathan McHargue



Tarra Medbery
Caleb Merchant
Sarah Nestor

Clint Patrick
Curt Patrick
Sarah Peterson



Katie Ritta
Travis Thieszen
Darrell Wedige
Not Pictured:
Kari Bayliss

Sophomore class officers: President Nathan Kauk, Secretary Susan Breese, Treasurer Tyler Jones, Student Council Representative Dereck Fishler, Vice President Caleb Merchant.

Carisa Bergin reads a book to prepare for her Poetry speech.

Determination was a word used to describe the Sophomore class. Although they were a small class, small DOES NOT mean much. It may have been true that the sophomore class was the smallest-with 19 students - but that did not mean there was any less excitement.

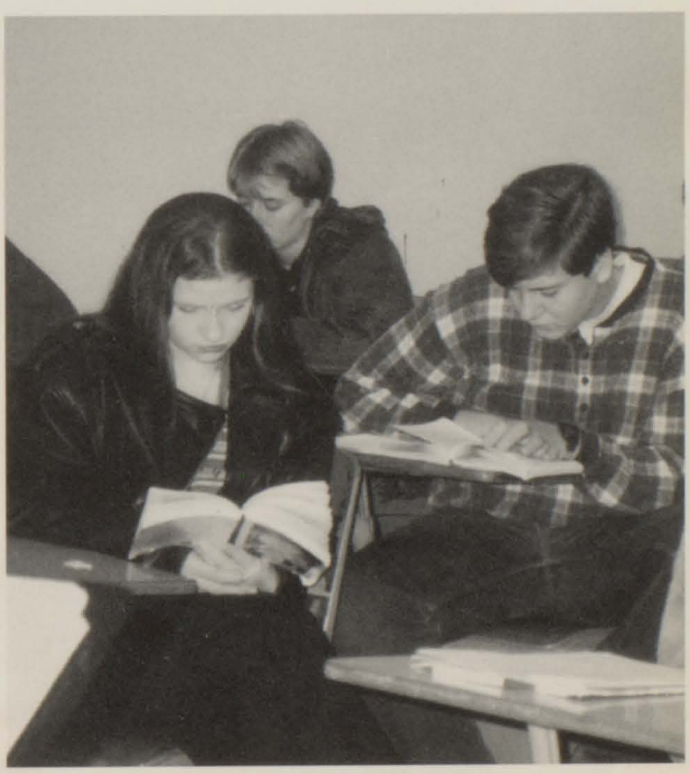
Sarah Nestor, who came to NC after being a missionary in Germany, had to make, well, a "little" change. **Sarah** said, "Coming to a class of 19 people, after being in a class of 130 people was a big change. This class has a lot of different personalities for ony 19 people."

Sophomores

All those different personalities are what made the sophomore class special. Although the class may have been small, the class of 2000 was determined to engrave their mark while shaping the future. The sophomores did that by staying busy in extracurricular activities.

They were well represented in sports, speech, cheerleading, choir, band and yearbook. The students enjoyed their busy year and did well in each activity. The variety of character traits exemplified by the class made them welcome members in all the areas. Many sophomores also had jobs that kept them busy. All together the class of 2000 had a blast during the 1997-1998 school year.

-Carisa Bergin



Tarra Medbery and **Chet Deichmann** forget about the outside world as they read in English.

Erin Osler and **Jessica Sallans** make a quick price check on the baked goods at the Bake Sale Friday morning during Parent/Teacher conferences. The Bake Sale turned out to be a very successful fundraiser.

Beth Anderson
Kiel Anderson
Adair Ballagh
Dan Buller
Tifany Chase

Mike Coleman
Shellie Creutzberg
Lana Daniels
Justin Denning
Amber Fagan

Russ Francl
Sheree Goertzen
Becky Holmstedt
Stuart Hostetler
Jeremy Janzen

Cara Jensen
Melody Johnson
Kyle Kinney
Andrea Krug
Micah Munger

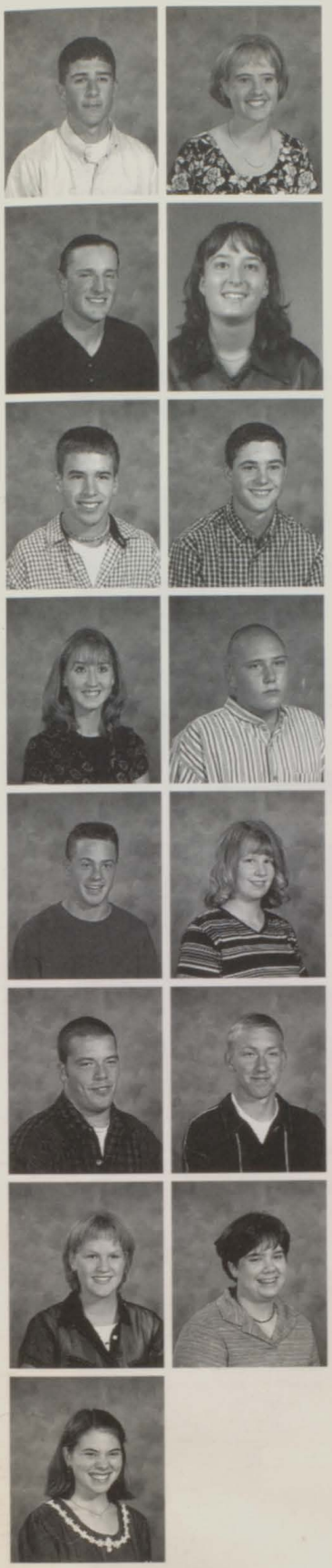
Philip Musgrave
Erin Osler
John Patrick
Jeremy Poeffel
Laura Recknor

Becky Ritta
Jessica Sallans
Josh Schreiber
Jeremy Senkbile
Mike Shaffer

R. C. Snider
Mandy Stelk
Joya Stretch
Leslie Thiessen
Dori VanAsperen

Karla Wall
Susanna Weiss
Taichi Yoshinari
Jessica Zaruba

Junior class officers: Business Manager Jessica Zaruba, Treasurer Becky Ritta, President Cara Jensen, Vice President Beth Anderson, Secretary Becky Holmstedt, Student Council Representative Josh Schreiber



"Wait, did he pay yet?", **Tifany Chase** asks as she serves up another soda at concessions during a football game.

Time changes just as the seasons do, and the Junior class was sure not to be left out. With the turning of each season, the class members found themselves with new responsibilities and situations.

Fall came with important changes for the new school year. With added new faces and never ending Junior responsibilities, the school year was sure to be full of surprises. Fall headed off the school year with concessions. The Juniors found themselves working diligently to earn enough money to have a great Junior/Senior.

Juniors

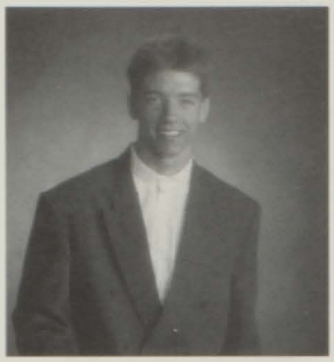
Braving the unpredictability of Nebraska winter weather, the Juniors came prepared to face the sudden changes that might occur while working at concessions. From football games to basketball games, the weather grew worse. This left the Juniors wondering what might lie ahead with the turnouts for the games.

When winter ended, spring brought new and exciting events to this class. The many members of the Junior class worked hard to make Junior/Senior happen. All of their hard work paid off, successfully ending this busy year for the Juniors. The Juniors were all happy when the relaxing summer was finally within their reach.

--Beth Anderson, Jessica Sallans

Susanna Weiss and **Jessica Zaruba** try to stay warm as they listen intently to **Sheree Goertzen's** latest carpool story at a football game.

Joshua Raleigh Merchant
11 years at NC
Verse: Matthew 11:28
Memory: My teammates in football, basketball, track, and speech and the unity we have had as a team

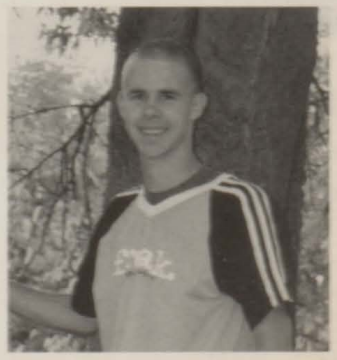


Judy Dawn Reha
4 1/2 years at NC
Verse: John 3:16
Memory: Spending time with Joni and going places together

Brock Nicolas Hower
5 years at NC
Verse: Romans 5:8
Memory: Emily Ferris' hayrack ride

Emily Jane Kauk
4 years at NC
Verse: Proverbs 16:3
Memory: Spending late nights with Cara and Beth eating frosted animal crackers, Doritos, and Mt. Dew

Paul LeRoy Hopkins
1 year at NC
Verse: John 16:33
Memory: Senior ski trip



Michael Edward Fuller

4 years at NC
Verse: Romans 12:1-3
Memory: Mr. Bean Parties and the funny things that happened in our classes (like how the square root of negative one would help us in the grocery store)

Joshua Landon Hattan

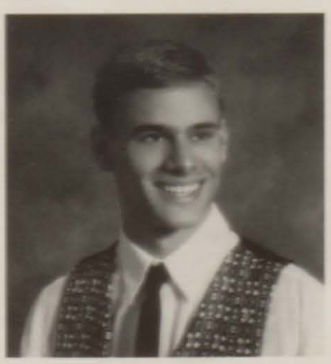
13 years at NC
Verse: Psalm 100
Memory: Riding with Brian over the one lane bridge after graduation my Freshman year

Beth Kay Nestor

1 year at NC
Verse: Phillipians 4:13
Memory: Getting to know my Classmates on Potato Dig

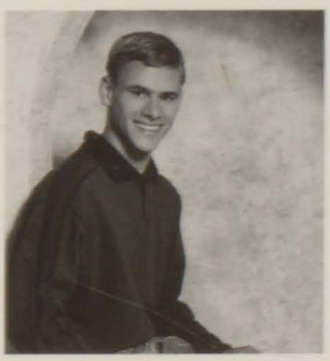
Nicole Ann Holtorf

8 years at NC
Verse: Psalm18:28-29
Memory: Rollerblading down a hill and wiping out at Grace my Freshman year, Girl's Nights!!



Martin Fredrick Buller

6 years at NC
Verse: John 3:16
Memory: Ag day my Junior year

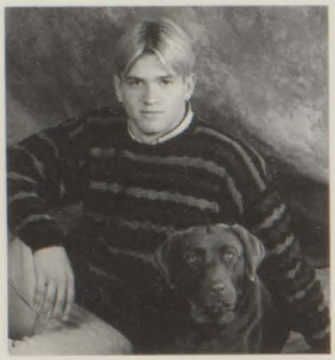


Shelly Reneé Berck

13 years at NC

Verse: Psalm 19:1-6

Memory: Spending time with the girls at Girls' Night, the Little Debbie Airforce, the Brick something? cafe in Greeley

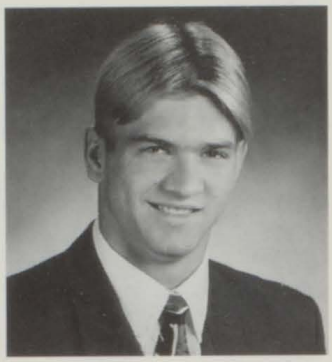


Brian Charles Urwiller

4 years at NC

Verse: I John 1:9

Memory: Playing my stereo really loud with Merch by Mrs. Hoff's house, she got after me the next day



Emily Sue Ferris

10 years at NC

Verse: I Timothy 1:3-11

Memory: Molly and I behind the stage at Homecoming our Freshman year, class bonding parties, stalking with Becky Holmstedt

John Evan Breese

6 years at NC

Verse: Psalm 92

Memory: Choir tour without shoes, entertainment speaking, OID, cross-country bus rides

Molly Elizabeth McHargue

13 years at NC

Verse: Nahum 1:7

Memory: Talking, laughing, and crying with Emily Ferris on the steps behind the stage before Homecoming our Freshman year

Joni Darlene Worden
4 years at NC
Verse: Isaiah 40:8
Memory: When Judy, Tarra, and I went shopping in Grand Island

Jeffrey David Prusa
7 years at NC
Verse: Galatians 6:2
Memory: Speech meet mornings- enough said; almost hitting the speech judge with my shoe my Junior year

Tammy Rebekah Stuhmer
9 years at NC
Verse: II Corinthians 12:9-10
Memory: Getting up at 4:30 a.m. with Beth Anderson at a volleyball slumber party to go to work

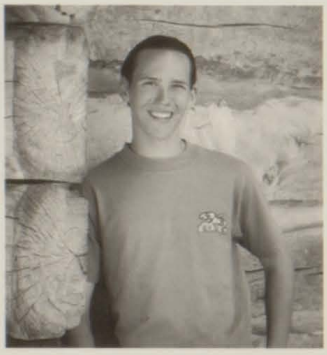
Lisa Rae Anderson
4 years at NC
Verse: I Peter 5:7
Memory: Whistling in Mrs. Hoff's class

Aaron Jacob Johnson
13 years at NC
Verse: Joshua 1:9
Memory: Sophomore year Geometry

Gaylene LaVera Maddox-Todd
9 years at NC
Verse: Isaiah 41:13
Memory: When Shell, Nicole, and I stayed up until 3:00 in the morning making our Romiet and Julio movie with Barbie dolls for our Freshman English final

Caryn Marie Dockweiler
11 years at NC
Verse: Romans 8:31-39
Memory: Drinking raspberry tea at our volleyball party and driving Meggan home by the "scenic route"

Jonathan Vernon Seidel
3 years at NC
Verse: Philippians 4:13
Memory: I remember, as a Freshman, Ben Merchant encouraged me



Eric Michael Bjorkman
4 years at NC
Verse: John 3:16
Memory: Misspelling "Eagles" on our Sophomore Homecoming banner

Julie Ann Ottun
1 year at NC
Verse: Matthew 6:24
Memory: Potato dig, It is remarkable that a class can take a chore like that and turn it into a day of fun.

Bethany Mae Ritta

13 years at NC

Verse: Psalm 18:28-29

Memory: Racing Kate and Nicole up and down the Ad building fire escape with our eyes closed

Meggan Jean Riley

13 years at NC

Verse: Zechariah 4:6b

Memory: Trying to find Lisa's house with Beth Ritta, almost getting left at Music contest in Kearney with Beth

Senior Class Officers: President Emily Ferris, Student Council Representative Emily Kauk, Secretary Molly McHargue, Vice President Josh Merchant, Treasurer Mike Fuller.

Growing Together

Learning Together

Laughing Together

Crying Together

Failing Together

Succeeding Together

Following Together

Leading Together

Philippians 2:14-16 "Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you ***shine like stars*** *in the universe - as you hold out the Word of Life - in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing."*

The class of 1998 is a class not easily followed. Diverse in many ways, yet motivated by a common cause, each individual was divinely placed for the purpose of achieving the class's full potential. Although a kaleidoscope of backgrounds, personalities, interests, goals, and perspectives, the class has united and stood the test of time. After much cooperation and many compromises, class members have seen the value of individuality. Along with each individual, a different dimension was brought to the Senior class. The common bond throughout the years has and will remain unchanged. The strong desire to grow in Christ allows God's light to shine through class members. Working together for this goal proved to be the link which held the class together.

The passage of time from the first day of kindergarten through graduation day was full of challenges, lessons, and growth, which are all necessary for shaping the character and witness to be ***shining stars*** in today's corrupt society.

--Shelly Berck, Nicole Holtorf

Molly McHargue
September 4, 1979
Earliest Memory:
Getting to sit under the paper apple tree on the first day of kindergarten

Beth Nestor
June 1, 1980
Earliest Memory:
Comforting my weeping sister on a plane ride alone to Grandma's

Jon Seidel
May 27, 1980
Earliest Memory:
Driving my little red fire engine around the yard

Joni Worden
March 26, 1980
Earliest Memory:
Being tickled by my brothers and sister

Eric Bjorkman
May 3, 1980
Earliest Memory:
Sucking on my pacifier

Julie Ottun
March 13, 1980
Earliest Memory:
Riding on a train in Chicago and being upset because I left my beloved blanket on the seat

John Breese
November 30, 1979
Earliest Memory:
Getting hit by a toy train thrown at me by a kid in the church nursery

Tammy Stuhmer
March 8, 1980
Earliest Memory:
Making mud pies with my sister at our house in Shelton

Emily Kauk
March 11, 1979
Earliest Memory:
Playing in the sandbox and wrestling with my brother

Lisa Anderson
July 2, 1979
Earliest Memory:
Visiting my Great-Aunt and Great-Uncle and looking at magazines

Gaylene Maddox
August 21, 1979
Earliest Memory:
Having tea parties with my sister when I was four

Josh Merchant
May 8, 1979
Earliest Memory:
Seeing a bright light at the end of the tunnel

Nicole Holtorf
July 20, 1980
Earliest Memory:
Being run over by my cousin driving his Smurfmobile

Marty Buller
August 28, 1979
Earliest Memory: Shutting off the escalator in the Cross Roads Mall with my brothers

Caryn Dockweiler
October 15, 1979
Earliest Memory: Splitting my chin open while learning to ride my bike

Judy Reha
September 3, 1980
Earliest Memory: Catching frogs in the backyard with my brother

Beth Ritta
April 11, 1980
Earliest Memory: Standing in front of a fireplace wrapped in a towel to keep warm after my bath

Meggan Riley
July 17, 1979
Earliest Memory: Getting a cool red shopping cart that I could climb in for my third birthday

Aaron Johnson
September 12, 1979
Earliest Memory: Getting yelled at by a lady in our apartment complex for being noisy

Jeff Prusa
May 31, 1980
Earliest Memory: Making cookies with my cousin when I was four

Mike Fuller
November 5, 1979
Earliest Memory: Going to my first day of kindergarten

Emily Ferris
February 22, 1980
Earliest Memory: Being carried around on my brother's back at age two

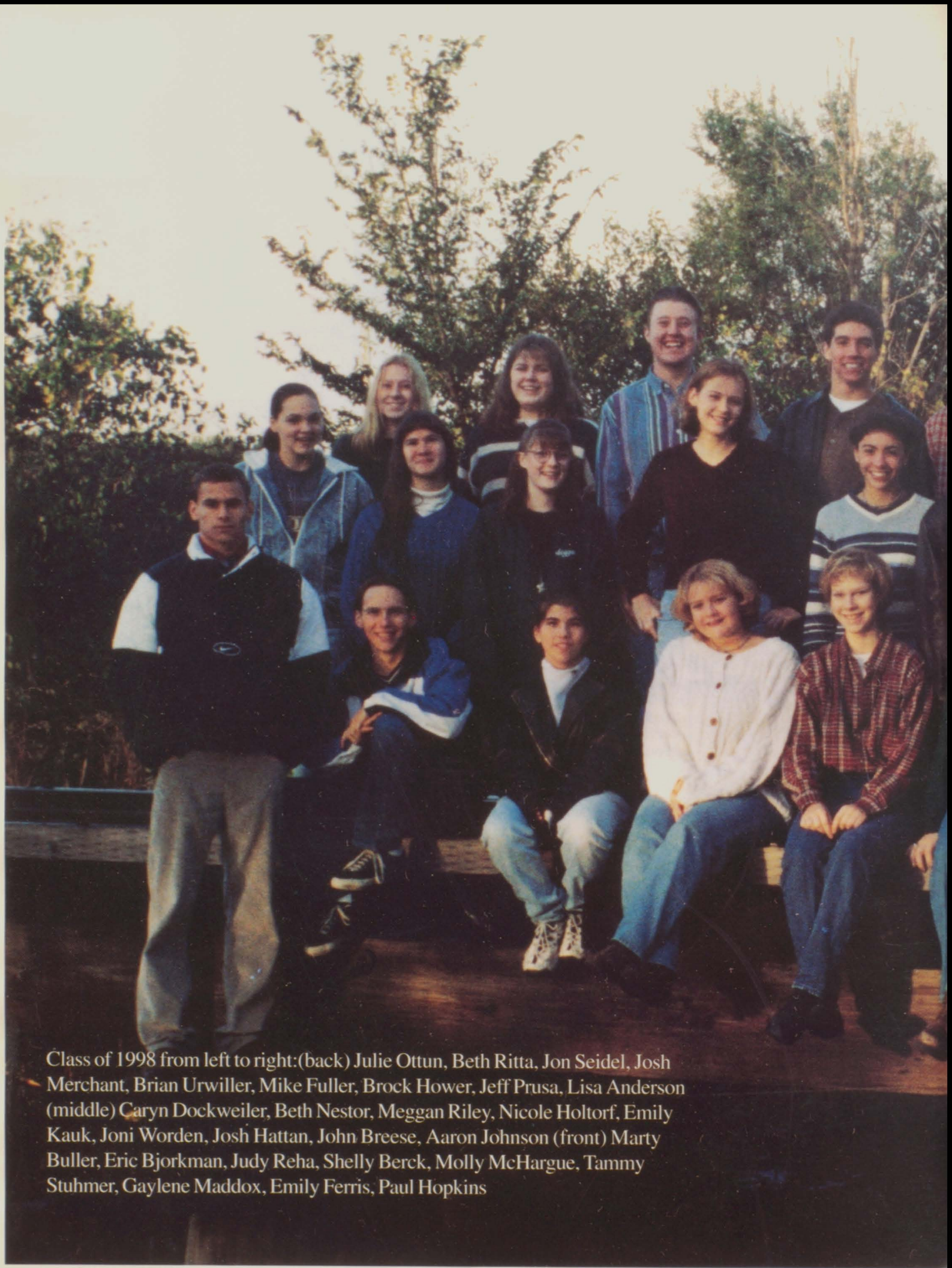
Paul Hopkins
July 30, 1980
Earliest Memory: Getting a toy school bus with people you could put through the roof for Christmas

Brock Hower
July 13, 1980
Earliest Memory: Falling off the top bunk of my bed and cracking my head open on the corner of a drawer

Josh Hattan
December 21, 1979
Earliest Memory: Riding my tricycle around the block with my Mom chasing me

Shelly Berck
June 19, 1980
Earliest Memory: Wearing a little cowgirl dress and being told by my Dad to change

Brian Urwiller
October 12, 1979
Earliest Memory: Riding around on the tractor with Dad



Class of 1998 from left to right:(back) Julie Ottun, Beth Ritta, Jon Seidel, Josh Merchant, Brian Urwiller, Mike Fuller, Brock Hower, Jeff Prusa, Lisa Anderson (middle) Caryn Dockweiler, Beth Nestor, Meggan Riley, Nicole Holtorf, Emily Kauk, Joni Worden, Josh Hattan, John Breese, Aaron Johnson (front) Marty Buller, Eric Bjorkman, Judy Reha, Shelly Berck, Molly McHargue, Tammy Stuhmer, Gaylene Maddox, Emily Ferris, Paul Hopkins

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Activities

Sports, Church, Family Time, Friends, Extracurriculars, and School are all important things to NC students.

However, as anyone in one or more of NC's many activities can tell you, there aren't enough hours in the day to get everything done. The students participating in yearbook, music, speech, or student council can and have regularly spent several hours after a school day perfecting and expressing their skills.

When questioned as to why they spend so much time participating and stressing in these activities, most students have been found participating because they want to glorify God. Was that goal accomplished? From the choir's songs to the yearbook theme to the speech team's motto, all thoughts were focused on Christ. As the groups travelled and competed, the students found numerous opportunities to make new friendships and to shine their lights for Christ.

Although each team's main goal was to glorify God, another reason for participating in activities was to have fun and to make memories along the way. Students in yearbook, speech, or student council spent many 14-hour days at school working on their respective activities. The countless hours of choir, decorating, band practices, and student council meetings created memories that will last a lifetime.

Although the reasons behind stressing and spending many hours in activities are often misunderstood, many students participated in these activites for fun. ***Who knew fun could be so much work?***

--Jeff Prusa

Seniors **Molly McHargue** and **Julie Ottun** decorate the Senior entryway for Homecoming.

Robert Johnson, **Jeff Prusa**, **Tyler Schreiber**, **John Breese**, and **Mr. Musgrave** pray at See You At The Pole '97. Approximately 80 students and teachers gathered to pray for their country, school, and friends.

"We are the Eagles!!" Standing proudly, Junior cheerleader **Andrea Krug** leads the crowd in supporting the Eagles at game. The cheerleaders proved to be a vital influence on overall school spirit.

N! C! H! S! Senior **Emily Ferris**, Freshman **Rachel Kaiser**, Freshman **Marla Fuller**, and Sophomore **Sarah Nestor** lead the student body in cheers at the Friday afternoon pep rally. Senior **Beth Ritta** said, "The pep rally was the highlight of the week. All the players marching around, yelling, playing instruments, cheering, and throwing footballs and volleyballs around created hilarious chaos with great organization."

Dressed as clowns, Junior **Cara Jensen** and Freshman **Jamie Senkbile** relax from selling balloons after halftime, catching a bite to eat. The Student Council sold balloons at the football game, and distributed nearly 300 encourager balloons on Thursday, filling the hallways with hugs, smiles, and lots of Blue and White. Cara said, "This is one of my favorite days. It reminds me of how much the student body cares for and appreciates one another."

"I liked dressing up because everyone just stared at me in my costume and I had a lot of fun making people laugh." Junior **Adair Ballagh**, Blue and White Day winner, explains his motives for dressing up during the Spirit Week days. In True Blue Spirit, Adair wore "Blue Bells," painted Blue stars on his arms, and ate a Blue candy cane throughout the pregame day.

"Flurry of Creativity" plus "Whirlwind of Excitement" plus "Blur of Activity" equals Homecoming 1997. From refrigerators to rodeo queens, creativity thrived during Spirit Week. Major appliances, wacky hat-toting twins, career personalities, "hicks", and spontaneously peppy Blue and White students proclaimed their school spirit.

Spirit

Dressed-up students, however, were not the only things decorating the school during the week. Members of each class searched their imaginations and transformed the gym and hallways into a collage of motivational quotes, banners, verses, and streamers. Although the competition was tough, the sophomores received the final award for the best decorations.

Filled

The elementary expressed their school spirit through the wagon parade. Halftime came alive with the elementary floats. "It was fun to support the volleyball and football teams," commented fourth grader Kylee Bokelman.

Week

Coronation ushered in an outstanding group of senior candidates, and was a climactic ending to a truly "Spirit-filled" week when Josh Merchant and Emily Kauk were crowned King and Queen.

--Andrea Krug

Second Grader **Ashley Reha** leads the First and Second Grades with her jeep to "Cage those Tigers" in the halftime wagon parade. Each elementary class made a float and marched along the football field for the fans during the parade.

Lisa Anderson, Beth Ritta, Molly McHargue, Emily Kauk, Josh Merchant, Mike Fuller, Jeff Prusa, and John Breese made the 1997 Homecoming Court. **Josh Merchant** and **Emily Kauk** were crowned King and Queen Friday after the football game.

Student Council:

(Back) Secretary Aaron Johnson, Dereck Fishler, Nathan Kauk, Sean Bokelman, Titus Hattan, Vice Prsident Tammy Stuhmer, Jamie Senkbile, Josh Schreiber, Cara Jensen, Sponsor Mr. Ritenour, President John Breese. (Front) Kassia Anderson, Emily Kauk, Rachel Cooper, Stephanie Deichmann, Emily Ferris, Treasurer Andrea Krug.

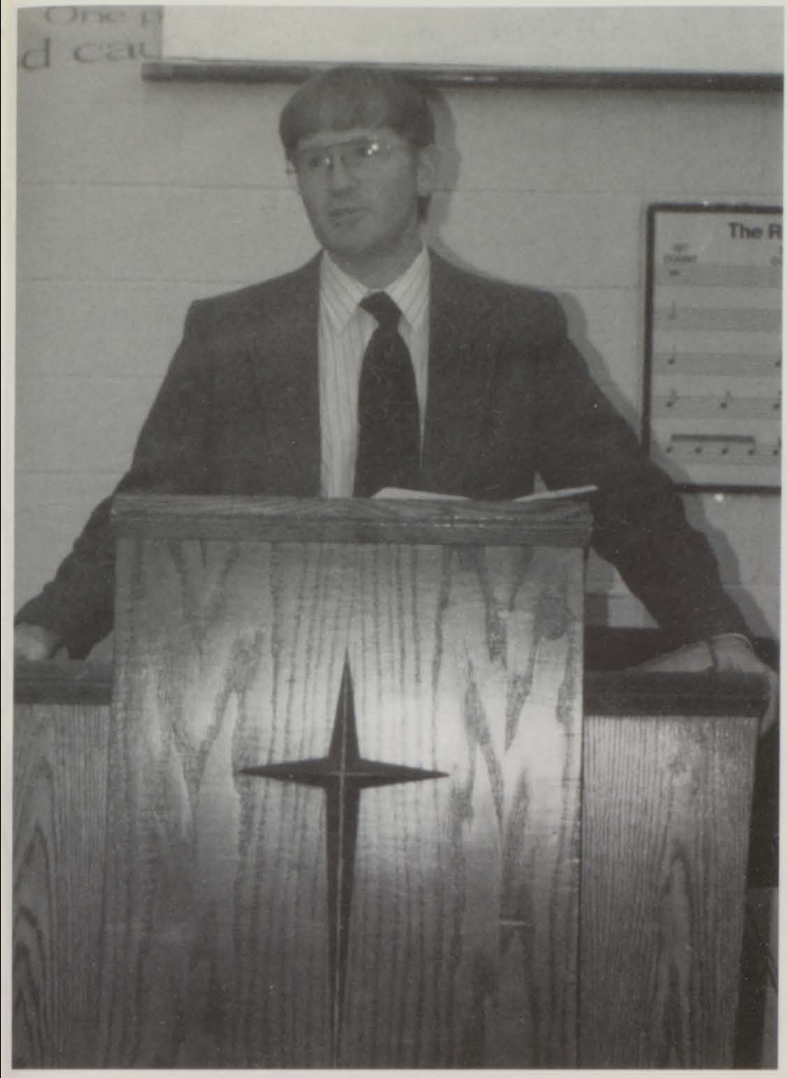
Junior **Karla Wall** and Senior **Shelly Berck** devour their chocolate cream pies at the Student Council all-school social. Shell had fun inhaling her pie, but, "I didn't have enough time to get to the chocolate crust."

Mrs. Hower helps the elementary students line up for the Homecoming halftime wagon parade as they anxiously await along the football field.

From Sub Days to School Socials, from Encourager Balloons to Dining Room Tables and Homecoming Coronation, the Sudent Council is bustling with new and exciting opportunities through responsibility. Student Body President John Breese commented, "Student Council has to work hard, but the job is always fun."

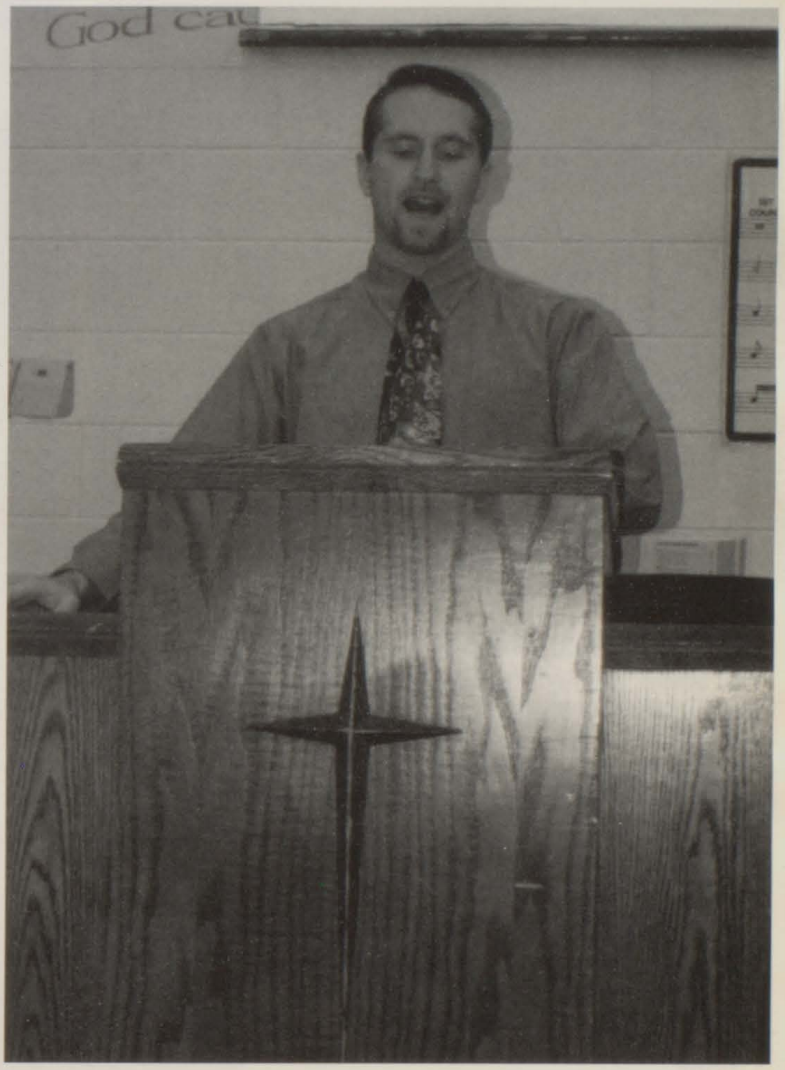
Although the Student Council seems to be often "behind the scenes," the weekly lunchtime meetings and frequent Student Council sponsored activities and fundraisers prove otherwise. Members of Student Council, made up of class presidents, elected representatives, and Student Council officers regularly decided on not only fundraisers such as chocolate sales for the benefit of future students, but also fun activities such as banquets and Sub Days for current students. As a whole, the Student Council promotes the relationships among students and teachers, while creating an outlet for special student activities.

--Emily Ferris



Pastor **Steve Hodgson** from the Hastings Berean Bible Church came to NC in October to talk about Joseph's example of trusting Christ while walking in the "Dark Times" of our lives. Pastor Hodgson reminded us of the "Dark Times" in Joseph's life, and demonstrated Christ's strength to help us get through the situation with a stronger trust in Christ.

"All right, good singing! Close your books and pass them to the center aisle." **Mr. Musgrave** opened every chapel with singing, usually from the red hymnals or from the blue chorus books.



Chapel

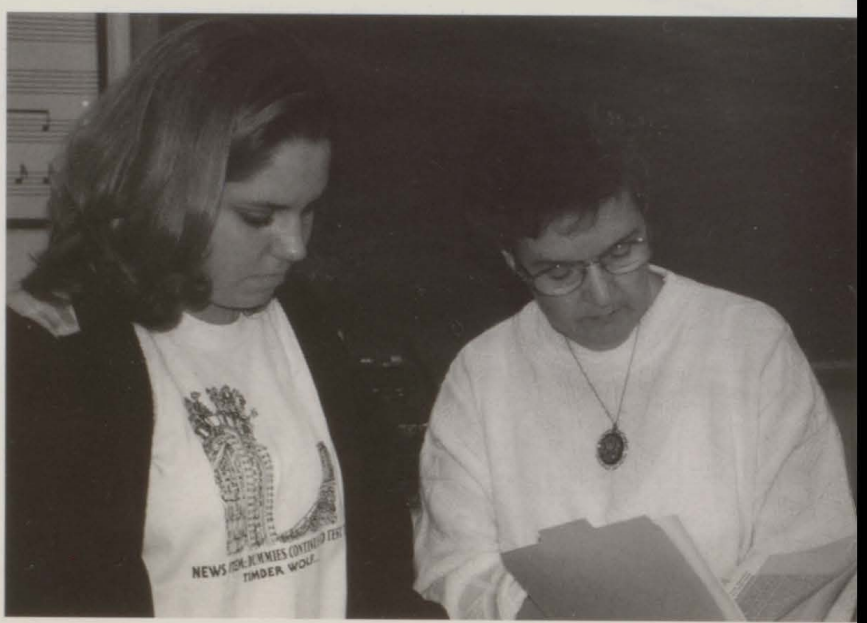
Chapel has allowed the student body to respond better to authority, rid ourselves of hypocrisy, and attain a living, vibrant relationship with God. Students appreciated Pastor Tory Jaspers from Hastings when he spoke for spiritual emphasis week early in September. Pastor Jaspers spoke on several topics including Establishing a Relationship with God, Hypocrisy, and Ways to Relate to what the Bible says. Senior **Meggan Riley** said, "I liked the chapel service he gave on the Characteristics of a Living Relationship with God. It showed me lots of things that I needed to change in my life."

There were many excellent and inspiring chapels that challenged the student body, but the responsibility rested in the hands of the students, to take what they had heard and apply it to their lives.

--John Breese

Band: (Back Row) Ryan Rouse, Chet Deichmann, Weston Cooper, Nathan McHargue, Sean Bokelman, Josh Schreiber, Erin Osler, Caleb Merchant. (3rd Row) Andrew Ritta, Robert Johnson, Scotty McPeak, Andrew Russell, Nathan Litchfield, Titus Hattan, Jeremy Urban, Aaron McHargue, Rachel Cooper, Ashley Chase, Lisa Weedin. (2nd Row) Andrea Krug, Kiel Anderson, Becky Ritta, Katie Cunningham, Kassia Anderson, Amy Schreiber, Stephanie Deichmann, Denae Denning, Amber Medbery, Beth Anderson, Tarra Medbery, Chase Francl, Mrs. Wischmeier. (Front Row) Amber Fagan, Lisa Anderson, Molly McHargue, Amanda Johnson, Amber Regier, Tammy Stuhmer, Sarah Buller, Rebecca Johnson, Melody Johnson, Leslie Theissen, Joya Stretch, Julie Ottun, Stuart Hostetler.

Junior **Becky Ritta,** Junior **Kiel Anderson**, Senior **Lisa Anderson,** Senior **Tammy Stuhmer**, Senior **Molly McHargue**, and Junior **Melody Johnson** practice their woodwind instruments during band for the upcoming Harvest Festival.



Junior Flutist **Joya Stretch** discusses her music for the upcoming Kearney Honor Band with Band Director **Mrs.Wischmeier**.

High school Band sounded as good as it looked this year. One major change in the band program this year was the addition of Concert Band uniforms. Mrs. Wischmeier purchased the black bow ties, and made the royal blue cumberbunds herself. The ensemble was complete with black dress slacks and a white collared shirt. They looked very nice at all of the Concert Band functions.

Another big change came in the percussion department. The Band bought a trap set with the money they earned from selling calendars last year. It helped out alot since there were less drummers than last year, and the equipment was getting old.

There were less drummers this year, but there were two very popular instruments. The trumpet and flute ranked the highest with 13 trumpets, and 12 flutes. Mrs. Wischmeier was excited about all of the interest in band this year and said that she hoped that the students' enthusiasm would carry over into their practice time, as there was alot to practice for this year. With Harvest Festival, the Advance Dinner, Kearney Honor Band, District, Conference, and All State Contests, they had their hands full and did their best at each event.

--Erin Osler

The start of a new school year brings around a feeling of disappointment that summer has passed again, and with it, summer vacation. But advantages of going back to school do exist, including being a part of the choir.

The year started out with a large group of teens trying to earn a spot in the traveling choir. From this group, Mrs. Wischmeier selected 42 students and 8 alternates. The group had high expectations of the year, and all looked forward to going on tour.

The choir started performing at the Harvest Festival banquet, where in their forest green robes, they "sang their hearts out". The audience received the choir with a great response during the performance. From that point on, the choir seemed to be on a roll. They even managed to have fun during rehearsals and learning new songs. With determination and lots of practice, they made each song sound like a first-class choir.

--Jessica Sallans

Senior **Beth Ritta** uses extra minutes in choir to practice her parts.

Sheree Goertzen and **Julie Ottun** talk about the weather before singing warm-up exercises in choir.

Choir:

(Back Row) Brock Hower, Stuart Hostetler, Mandy Stelk, Tammy Stuhmer, Molly McHargue, Beth Anderson, Josh Schreiber, Clint Cunningham, Caryn Dockweiler, Lisa Anderson, Nicole Holtorf, Beth Ritta, Shellie Creutzberg, Tyler Jones, Nathan Krug. (3rd Row) Aaron Johnson, Danny Buller, Dori VanAsperan, Melody Johnson, Cara Jensen, Travis Thieszen, Leslie Thiessen, Katie Ritta, Philip Musgrave, Andrew Russell, Emily Ferris, Rachel Kaiser, Shelly Berck, John Breese, Adair Ballagh. (2nd Row) Nathan Kauk, Amanda Johnson, Meggan Riley, Gaylene Maddox, Becky Holmstedt, Jessica Zaruba, Becky Ritta, Jessica Sallans, Sarah Buller, Susanna Weiss, Julie Ottun, Caleb Merchant. (Front) Kiel Anderson, Lanea Garwood, Susan Breese, Carisa Bergen, Tarra Medbery, Tifany Chase, Sarah Peterson, Sheree Goertzen. Not pictured: Josh Merchant, Emily Kauk, Nathan McHargue, Mrs. Wischmeier.

During a fall pep rally, cheerleaders **Andrea Krug**, **Gaylene Maddox**, **Amber Regier**, and **Susan Breese** blindfold volleyball players **Emily Kauk** and **Tarra Medbery** and football players **Andrew Russell** and **Josh Merchant** in preparation for a contest before the game.

Cheerleaders:

Susan Breese, Andrea Krug, Sarah Peterson, Amber Regier, captain Gaylene Maddox.

Cheerleaders **Gaylene Maddox** and **Susan Breese** smile proudly as they look upon the Eagle players.

"Hey, hey, hey UP with Eagle Power. . ." The 1997-1998 cheerleaders helped Eagle athletes soar to new heights. The squad generated support from fans. **Karen Senkbile**, one of NC's faithful supporters commented, "I really appreciate the smiles!" Facial expressions only added to the girls' success. According to fan **Dave Ferris**, "They were kind of noisy too!" The Cheerleaders' support was also noticed by athletes. "They were always there to support us," said volleyball player **Beth Anderson**. In victory and loss, the cheerleaders persisted, encouraging athletes under all circumstances.

Pep rallies, locker signs and notes kept the cheerleaders busy. Their efforts spread a sense of anticipation throughout the school. Freshman **Adrienne Stelk** commented, "Pep rallies help to get the whole student body excited and involved."

Behind the scenes the girls worked, spending chapel study halls learning cheers, designing posters and planning pep rallies. They learned the importance of teamwork and support. According to captain **Gaylene Maddox**, "Working and spending time together made this squad grow close."

In all activities, the cheerleaders faced each task with a positive attitude. Striving to "enthusiastically encourage and energize everyone encountered," gave the cheerleaders "true blue" spirit!

--Andrea Krug

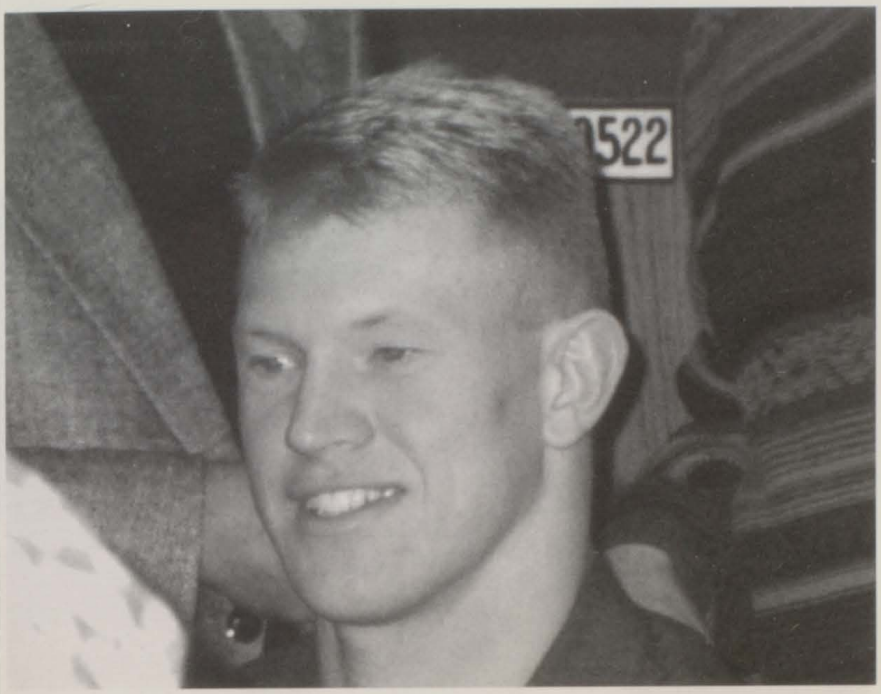
Many students are actively involved in the extracurricular activities NC offers, including Ensemble and FCA.

The Ensemble, **Master's Musicians,** enjoys practicing during chapel study hall. They perform on tour across the state, in NC's own gym, and participate in competitions. Their main purpose is to glorify God in ministry to others. Ensemble member **Caryn Dockweiler** said her favorite memories from ensemble include the crazy times in class watching the guys come up with actions to all the songs.

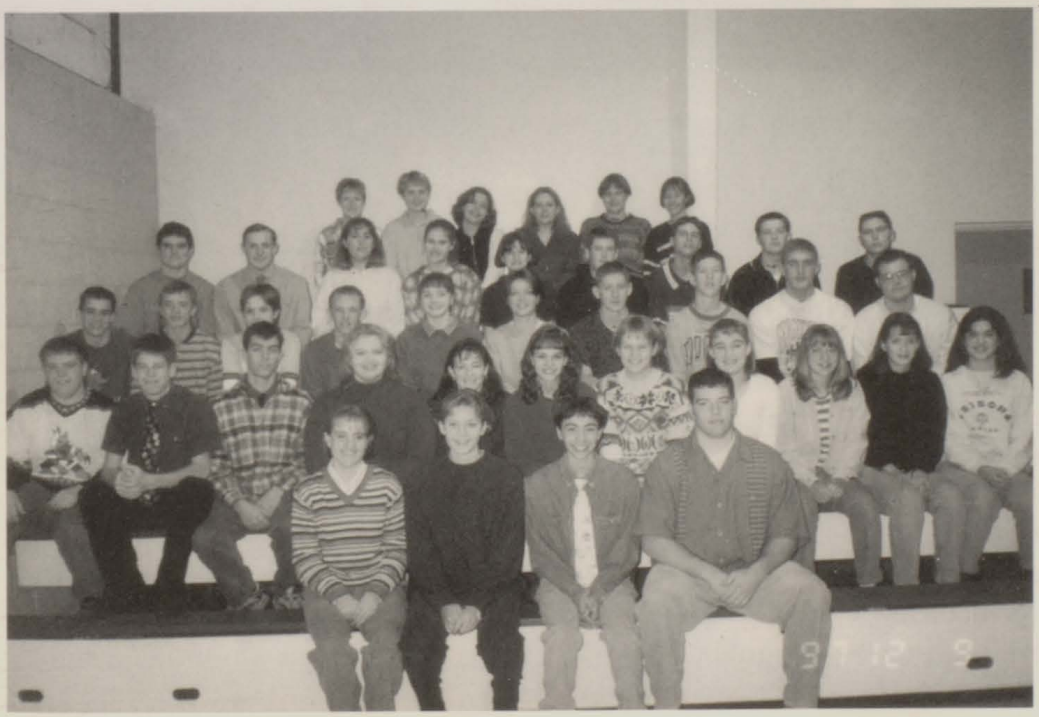
NC's **FCA** group participates in banquets and Weekend of Champions offered by the program. This year, Nebraska quarterback Scott Frost and Husker Volleyball player Megan Korver spoke at the banquet. The Weekend of Champions provided students with valuable devotions and many memories from the weekend. Junior **Joya Stretch** likes "knowing the FCA members I am competing against, and knowing that we may be competing on two different teams, but for the same Coach."

--Beth Anderson

Husker Quarterback **Scott Frost** signs autographs after speaking at the FCA banquet. **Stuart Hostetler** said, "I always thought Scott was sort of stuck up, but after hearing him speak, I think he's a stud."



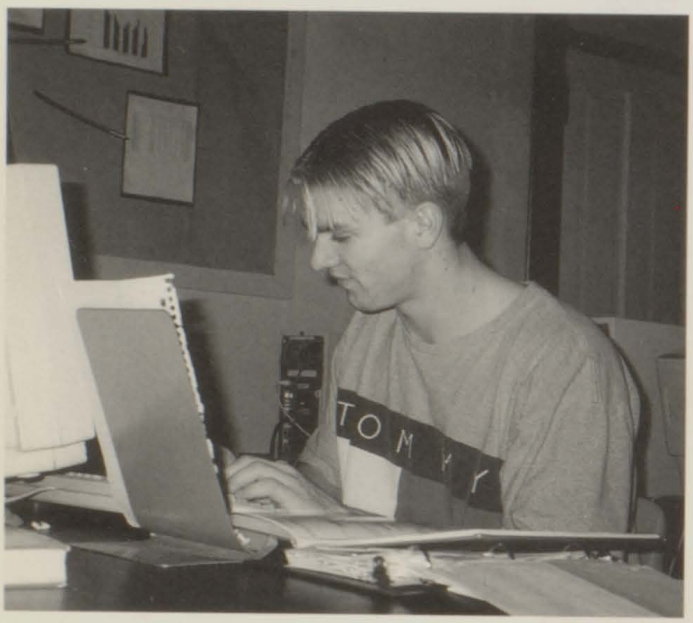
Ensemble: Brock Hower, Beth Ritta, Josh Merchant, Molly McHargue, Kiel Anderson, Stuart Hostetler, Caryn Dockweiler, Josh Schreiber.



FCA: Back: Beth Anderson, Cara Jensen, Sheree Goertzen, Erin Osler, Jamie Senkbile, Kassia Anderson. **4th:** Adair Ballagh, Justin Denning, Mandy Stelk, Becky Holmstedt, Amber Medbery, Dereck Fishler, Scott McPeak, Greg Prusa, Micah Munger. **3rd:** Nathan Kauk, Robert Johnson, Rachel Kaiser, Mickey Kinney, Amber Regier, Adrienne Stelk, Andrew Russell, Weston Cooper, Nathan Krug, Clint Cunningham. **2nd:** Kyle Kinney, Tyler Jones, Russ Francl, Bonni Meckel, Lanea Garwood, Susanna Weiss, Leslie Theissen, Denae Denning, Laura Huebert, Marla Fuller, Sarah Buller. **Front:** Treasurer Tifany Chase, Secretary Nicole Holtorf, Huddle Leaders Emily Kauk, Jeremy Senkbile.

Yearbook:

Back: Justin Denning, Jeff Prusa, Brian Urwiller. **3rd:** Marla Fuller, Jessica Zaruba, Susanna Weiss, Shelly Berck, Business Manager Beth Anderson, Nicole Holtorf. **2nd:** Andrea Krug, Assistant Editor Erin Osler, Editor Emily Ferris, Becky Ritta, Carisa Bergin. **Front:** Advisor Miss Lipke, Amber Fagan, Jessica Sallans, Lana Daniels.



Senior **Brian Urwiller** works diligently to enter ad pages on the computer.

Editor **Emily Ferris** and Assistant Editor **Erin Osler** look over potential yearbook layouts at a "yearbook party".

Yearbook staff members possess an unusual amount of craziness, which is displayed more clearly as the year rolls on. The yearbook staff entered a new level when the publication process was transferred from paper layouts to computer on PageMaker. Adjusting to the PageMaker program, learning basic yearbook guidelines, making deals with the yearbook representative, and trying to meet deadlines ensure that a stressful year will result for dedicated staff members. The stress, however, brings knowledge and skills that apply to everyday life.

Yearbook teaches skills not only about design, photography, and copywriting, but staff members also learn skills of time management, responsibility and communication, though sometimes the hard way. From rushing around campus trying to get an FCA group photo to spending nights after school behind the computer trying to meet the deadline, yearbook staff members spend many hours attempting to put the book together. The craziness and stress remain, but when the results show through in the end, it is worth the effort.

--Emily Sue Ferris

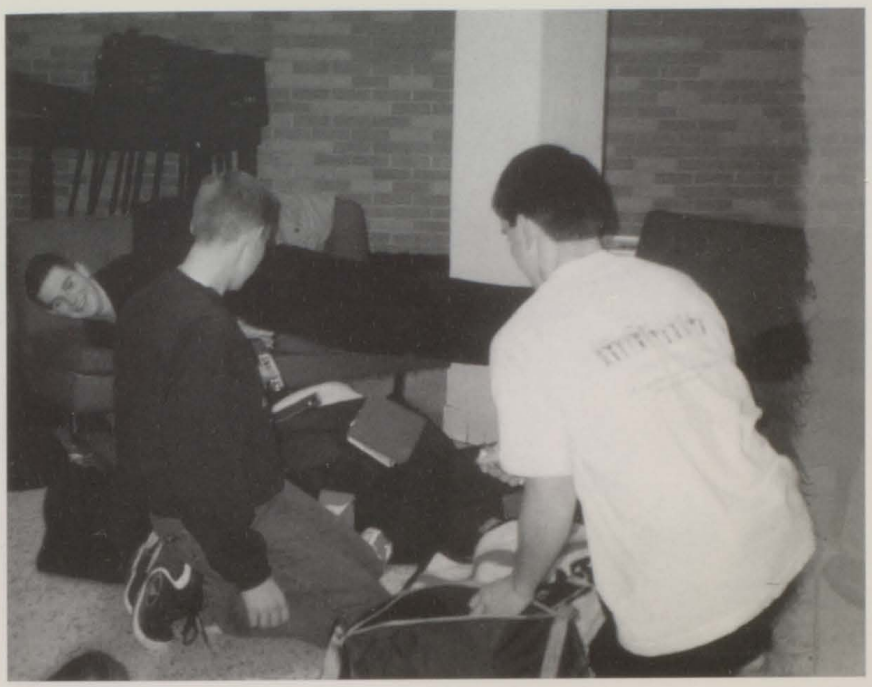
Imagine standing in a room full of strangers. Everyone is staring at you, and it is up to you to capture the crowd's attention. You have to entertain or inform them. It is a frightening thought, but for the speech team it is a weekly occurrence, starting with the Adams Central Meet and ending at State.

Several great coaches help the speech team strive for success. Each member signed up to work once a week, and the hard work paid off at the meets. Not only did many medals and trophies, including Class C-2 runner up, reward the team, but the chance of spreading the Gospel to students from across the state also rewarded the speech team members.

This reward is the ultimate goal of the speech team--to prepare for ministry in all areas of life. When effective communication is learned, speech students can more easily spread the Word of God to those around them, and God is able to use them in many more paths in life. This takes some of the fear of the room full of strangers away, and adds to the rewards of speech in the end.

--Jessica Sallans

Speech members **Philip Musgrave**, **Nathan McHargue** and **Adair Ballagh** take a break in the lounge area after their rounds at CNFL.

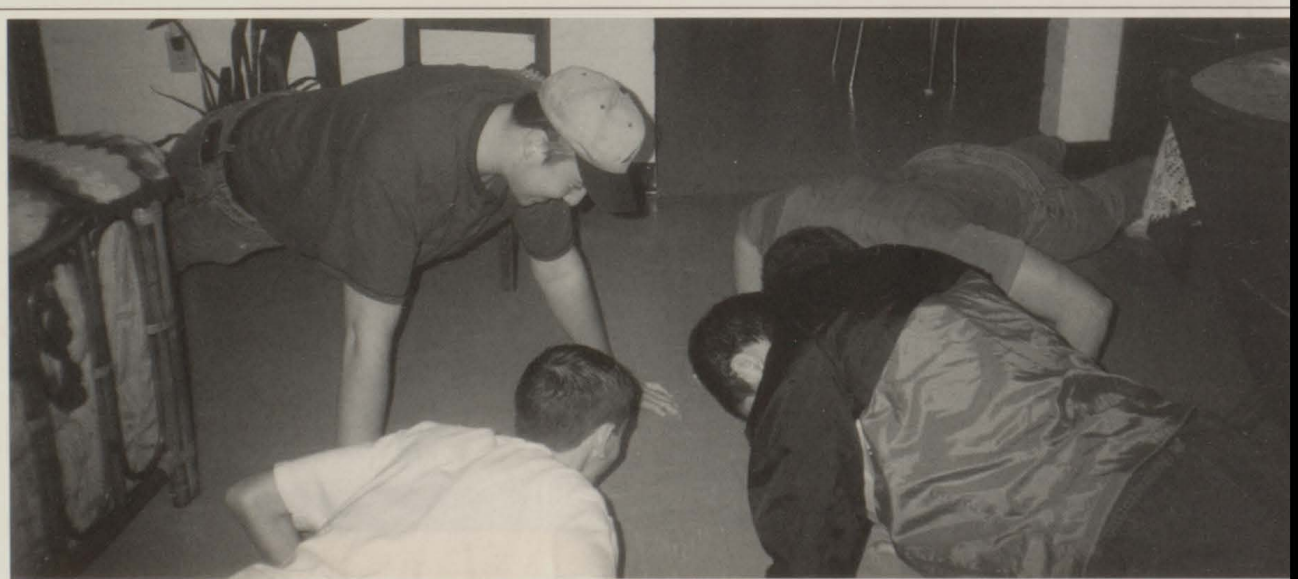


Junior Speech members **Melody Johnson**, **Kiel Anderson**, and **Jessica Zaruba** get ready for their next rounds by relaxing and eating high energy foods.

Speech: **Back:** Justin Denning, Adair Ballagh, Philip Musgrave. **5th:** Jessica Zaruba, Melody Johnson, Josh Merchant, Becky Holmstedt, Molly McHargue, Jeff Prusa, John Breese, Carisa Bergin. **4th:** Cara Jensen, Caryn Dockweiler, Susanna Weiss, Amanda Johnson, Leslie Thiessen, Kiel Anderson, Amber Fagan, Sheree Goertzen. **3rd:** Travis Thieszen, Nathan McHargue, Caleb Merchant, Tifany Chase, Shelly Berck, Beth Anderson, Tammy Stuhmer, Amber Regier, Susan Breese. **2nd:** Erin Osler, Andrea Krug, Emily Ferris, Becky Ritta, Emily Kauk, Kassia Anderson, Lanea Garwood, Nicole Holtorf, Nathan Krug. **Front:** Jamie Senkbile, Rachel Kaiser, Mrs. Hoff, Jessica Sallans, Lana Daniels, Rebecca Johnson, Jeremy Senkbile, Josh Schreiber.

Boys Dorm Residents include (Left to Right) Senior Jon Seidel, Sophomore Travis Thiezsen, Senior Aaron Johnson, and Junior Taichi Yoshinari.

Residents in the **Girls Dorm** include Junior Susanna Weiss, Freshman Lanea Garwood, Senior Lisa Anderson, Senior Julie Ottun, Junior Lana Daniels, and Senior Joni Worden.



Lanea Garwood and **Lisa Anderson** look up from their "Experiencing God" Bible Study. Many times, "study groups" would form in dorm rooms. Lisa commented on these times, "I formerly studied for significant amounts of uninterupted time before moving into the great experience of high school. Now, it seems like at least every other night we have "parties" in my dorm room causing me to lose my last shred of sanity and leave unfinished homework assignments until later."

Many people would think that dorm life would not be much fun. However, the current dorm students took every opportunity to make it the best time ever. Dorm parties, devotions, playing hide and seek, and even getting to know each other made the year fun for the dorm students.

Fun

The girls' dorm is home to six girls during the school week. Senior **Julie Ottun** commented on her first and senior year in the dorm. "For me, living in a dorm is unlike anything I have ever done. It is more like a second family than a dormitory. We are always there for each other, and we have our share of pranks and practical jokes. We also have times when we can grow spiritually. I'm very happy I decided to finish my last year of high school at NC."

Girls' dorm parent **Judy Garwood** enjoys being mother to

Dorm

several girls, because she can encourage the girls and watch them grow up in their Christian faith. She won't push the girls into a mold but brings them up to be as independent as possible.

Life

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson keep four boys in line at the boys' dorm. Being new dorm parents, the Johnsons decided that it was different to be parents to three more boys than usual. It is also scary, as the responsibility of other people's children are on their shoulders.

--Lana Daniel

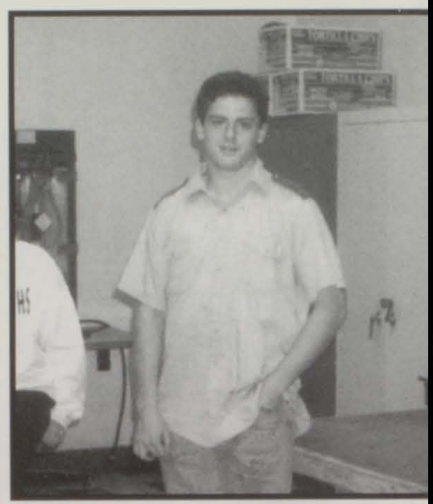
Evening excercises for boys dorm residents consist of several push-ups, as demonstrated by **Travis Thiezsen**, **Jon Seidel**, **Taichi Yoshinari**, and **Aaron Johnson**.

Taichi Yoshinari and **Travis Thiezsen** make music in the boys' dorm lounge after school.

What Makes

Robert Johnson, Freshman
God makes Robert shine.

Lanea Garwood, Freshman
Thinking about my family makes me shine, because I miss them a lot. Also, I shine when I think about what Christ has done for me.



Chet Deichmann, Sophomore
Good bass fishing makes me shine, because I'm secluded and there is no telephone around.

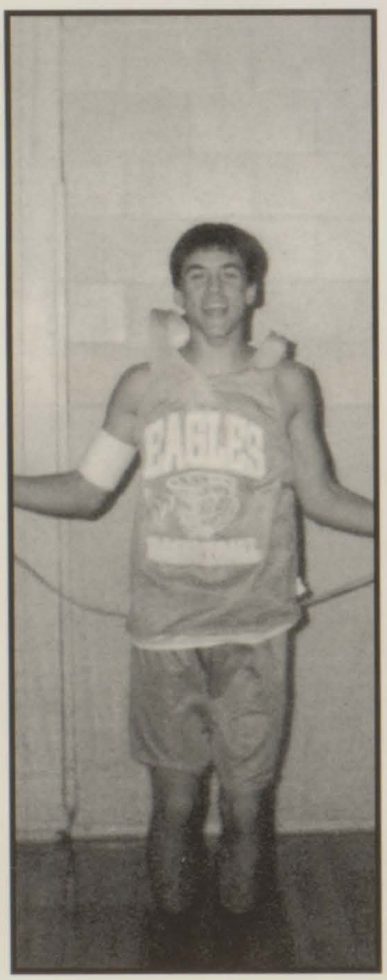
Aaron Johnson, Senior
Julia Roberts, because she makes me laugh.

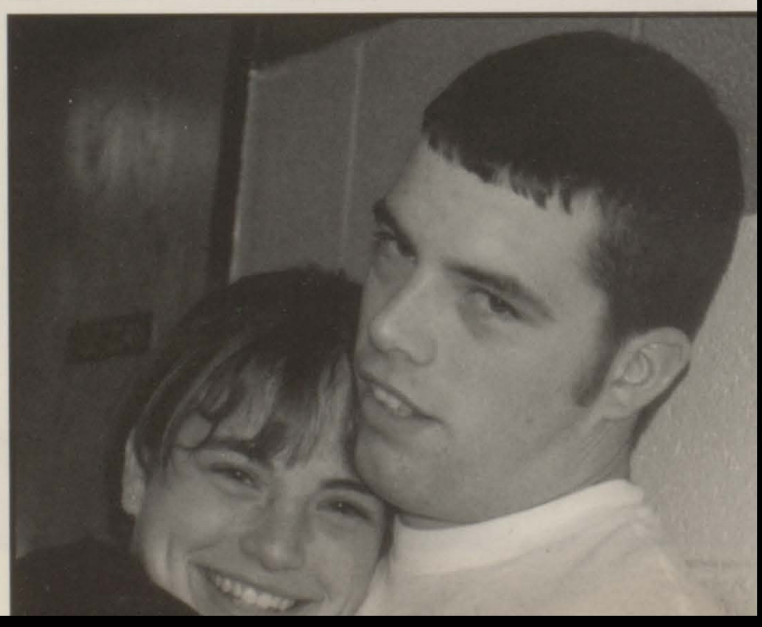
Caleb Merchant, Sophomore
Eating Strawberry Shortcake and playing the cup clap rap on choir tours, it makes me laugh with my friends.

Travis Thieszen, Sophomore
Chocolate chip cookies and a cold glass of milk.

Jamie Senkbile, Freshman
How lucky I am to have such great parents, annoying but lovable brothers, and awesome Christian friends.

Jeremy Senkbile, Junior
Winning Subdistricts.





You *Shine*?

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Bonni Meckel, Freshman

My dad's credit cards. Because I love shopping with my friends.

Alyssa Dirks, Freshman

Friendship makes me shine. When I'm not feeling well, friends cheer me up and are there in a moment's notice.

Joya Stretch, Junior

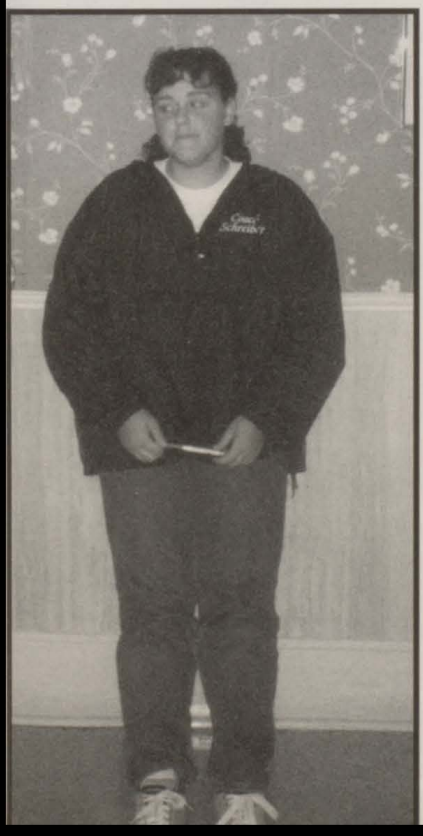
A York Peppermint Patty makes me shine. Every time I bite into one I think I'm driving Mike Fuller's Mercury Monarch in the Alps. Swerving and hugging the curves, I'm upshifting, I'm downshifting in the big yellow car.

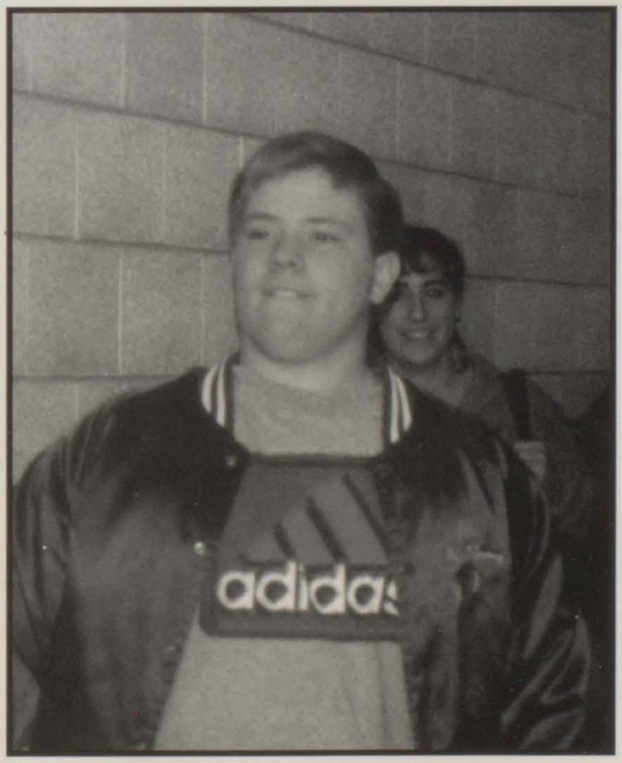
John Patrick, Junior

3:40. Freedom.

Beth Nestor, Senior

God's presence makes me happy, because I feel total security, and I know He loves me.





Kyle Kinney, Junior

Just getting a warning for speeding instead of a ticket, because it's a lot cheaper that way.

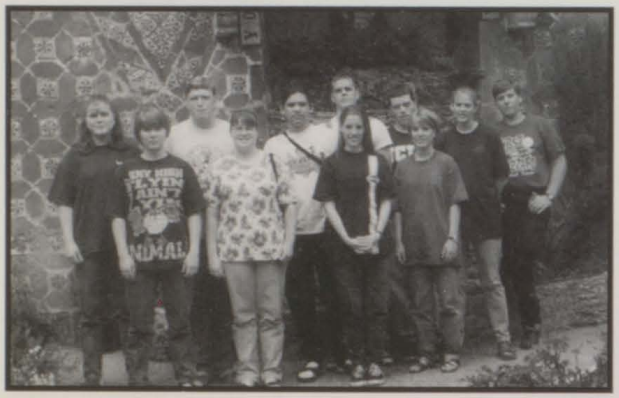
Amy Schreiber, Eighth Grade

Basketball, it's very exhilarating and fun, because it helps you work as a team. The team unity was much stronger this year because we knew we had to work harder. Almost all the teams were bigger than us, but Christ helped us to overcome that.

Amber Fagan and other members of her missions team are ready to perform as sailors in Costa Rica.

The Teen Mania team **Amber Fagan** (back row) was involved with poses on the Costa Rican street.

Senior **Emily Ferris** made many friends and learned lots from the campers when she volunteered as a counselor at Camp Glad Tidings.



1997 Mexico Missions Team: Beth Ritta, Kate Ritta, Nic Paul, Becky Ritta Marty Manadik, Josh Schreiber, Anne Larson, Jeremy Senkbile, Tifany Chase, Nicole Holtorf, Chet Deichmann.

Community Bible youth group members play basketball with members of the Cholula, Mexico youth group in an effort to gain the interest of other Mexicans in church attendance.

Juniors **Jeremy Senkbile**, **Becky Ritta**, and Senior **Beth Ritta** paint a park bench for the Puebla Bible Seminary.

Junior **Tifany Chase** laughs as missions team member **Nic Paul** carries her down the street.

Missions

Compiled by Becky Ritta

Seniors **Mike Fuller**, **Emily Kauk**, **Summer Hoff**, **Jeff Prusa** and **Josh Merchant** learned about worldviews and bought matching cowboy hats while they were at the Summit in Colorado Springs, CO.

Sophomore **Kate Ritta** poses with a friend from the housing development in Des Moines on her Awana Varsity Camp service trip.

Sheree Goertzen poses with some of her friends in inner city Denver.

"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." Several NC students took Mark 16:15 to heart last summer when they "preached the gospel", whether here at home, in the inner city, or in foreign countries.

Junior **Leslie Thiessen** and Freshmen **Robert Johnson** and **Marla Fuller's** mission trip was close to home. They helped clean up a Christian camp that had been damaged by floods in North Dakota. Other students spent parts of their summer volunteering at different Bible and 4-H camps.

Junior **Sheree Goertzen** and Sophomore **Kate Ritta** had inner city experiences. Sheree spent one week in Denver as a junior counselor, helping with day camp activities in the inner city. As a part of Awana Scholarship Camp's Varsity Program, Kate spent a day at a housing development in Des Moines, Iowa. They spent their time with the children singing, giving puppet shows, and just playing with the kids.

Several students also had the opportunity to go to foreign countries. Junior **Amber Fagan** went to Costa Rica with Teen Mania missions in July and August. Altogether, 100 teenagers traveled to Costa Rica, where they split up into smaller groups. Amber was part of a group that performed dramas in the city streets and witnessed to the people. Seniors **Beth Ritta** and **Nicole Holtorf**, Juniors **Jeremy Senkbile**, **Josh Schreiber**, **Becky Ritta** and **Tifany Chase**, and Sophomores **Chet Deichmann** and **Kate Ritta** spent two weeks in Puebla, Mexico. They worked at Cholula Bible Church and Puebla Bible Seminary digging trenches, repairing benches, and doing whatever that needed to be done.

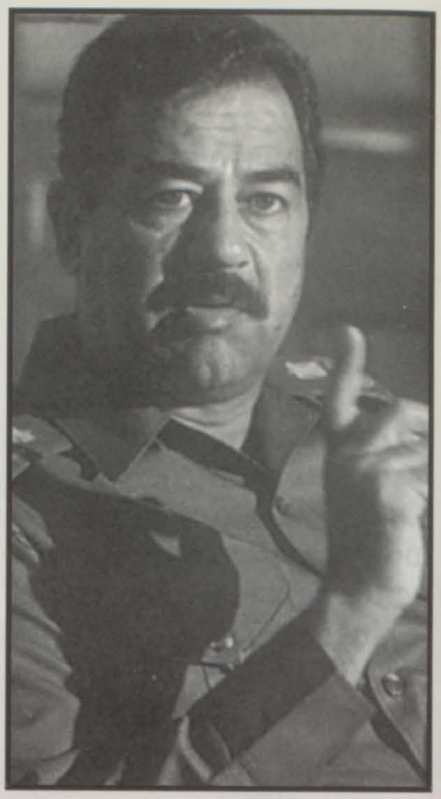
Seniors **Josh Merchant**, **Jeff Prusa**, **Emily Ferris**, **Mike Fuller**, and **Emily Kauk** spent two weeks in Manitou Springs, Colorado, at Summit Ministries. At the Summit, they learned how their faith relates to their everyday lives. Through their time at Summit, the seniors were challenged to develop a Christian mind and a Biblical worldview, and to act in a positive way to change themselves and the world for better. They also attended several activities and made friends for life.

These are just a few examples of "missionary" trips NC students did over the summer. They truly desired to "shine like stars" for Jesus in whatever route was needed.

--Becky Ritta

Oklahoma Bombing Trial

After over two years of waiting, Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols' Oklahoma City bombing trials began. Both McVeigh and Nichols were found guilty and are serving their sentences for the bombing.



Saddam Hussein

The United States suffered through conflicts with Saddam Hussein over U. S. members of the U.N. weapons inpections teams in Iraq. A U.S. Navy F-18 takes off from the USS George Washington to combat Hussein's stockpile of biological weapons.

Mother Teresa

Mother Teresa not only spoke out for the sick and dying, but also for the unborn of the world. She attended to the spiritual and physical needs of those around her, and the world lost a ray of light with her death in September.

Mother Teresa and Princess Diana meet to share their concerns of world suffering. These women realized they couldn't do everything, but gave of their time and money in order to make a difference. Through their lives they made a world impact and continue to do so in death.

Princess Diana

Princess Diana was loved by millions of people around the world. Her sudden death on Labor Day Weekend shocked and saddened the world. She was a volunteer for many causes, and impacted the world through both her life and death.

Events

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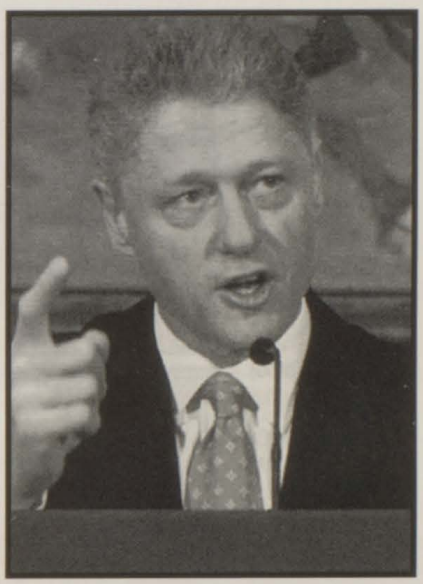
Promise Keepers--Stand In the Gap

In October, over 1 million men, including Senior **Brian Urwiller** and Sophomore **Travis Thieszen**, gathered on the Washington Mall to praise God and close racial gaps in the body of Christ. The event was unprecedented in size and success.

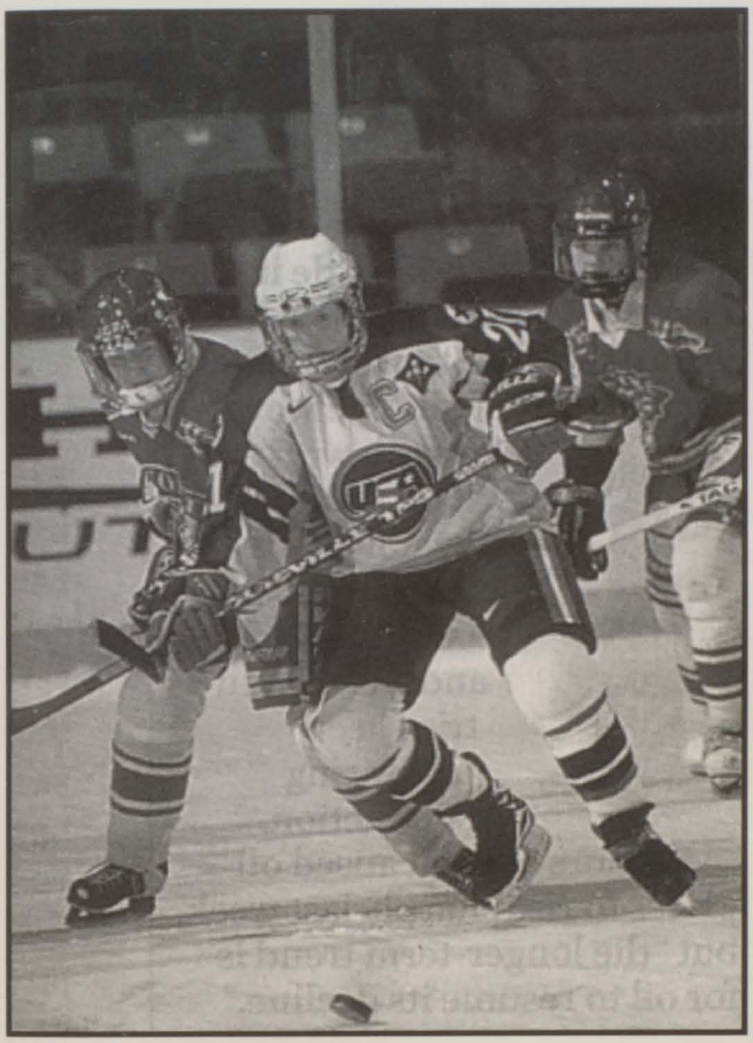
Tyson/Holyfield Fight

Evander Holyfield retained his WBA heavyweight boxing title, when Mike Tyson was disqualified for biting Holyfield on the ear.



President Clinton

In January, the news of President Clinton's alleged affair with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky made many Americans question his integrity. These charges came just before the State of The Union Address and during the Paula Jones sexual harassment trial.



Nagano Olympics

The 1998 Winter Olympics were hosted in Nagano, Japan, bringing a mix of Japanese culture into the Winter Games. The United States brought home several medals from the Olympics, including the first-ever women's hockey gold medal.

Prayer Circle Deaths

In December, a prayer group similar to this one in Paducah, KY, had just said "Amen" when shots rang out from a fellow student in the hallway. Two students were killed, others injured from the shooting, making them true martyrs for Christ and examples for other Christian students.

Sports

For the majority of NC students, participating in athletics is a way to shine like stars. Whether on the volleyball court, the football field, the basketball court, in the track lanes, or the cross-country course, Nebraska Christian athletes shine out in more ways than one.

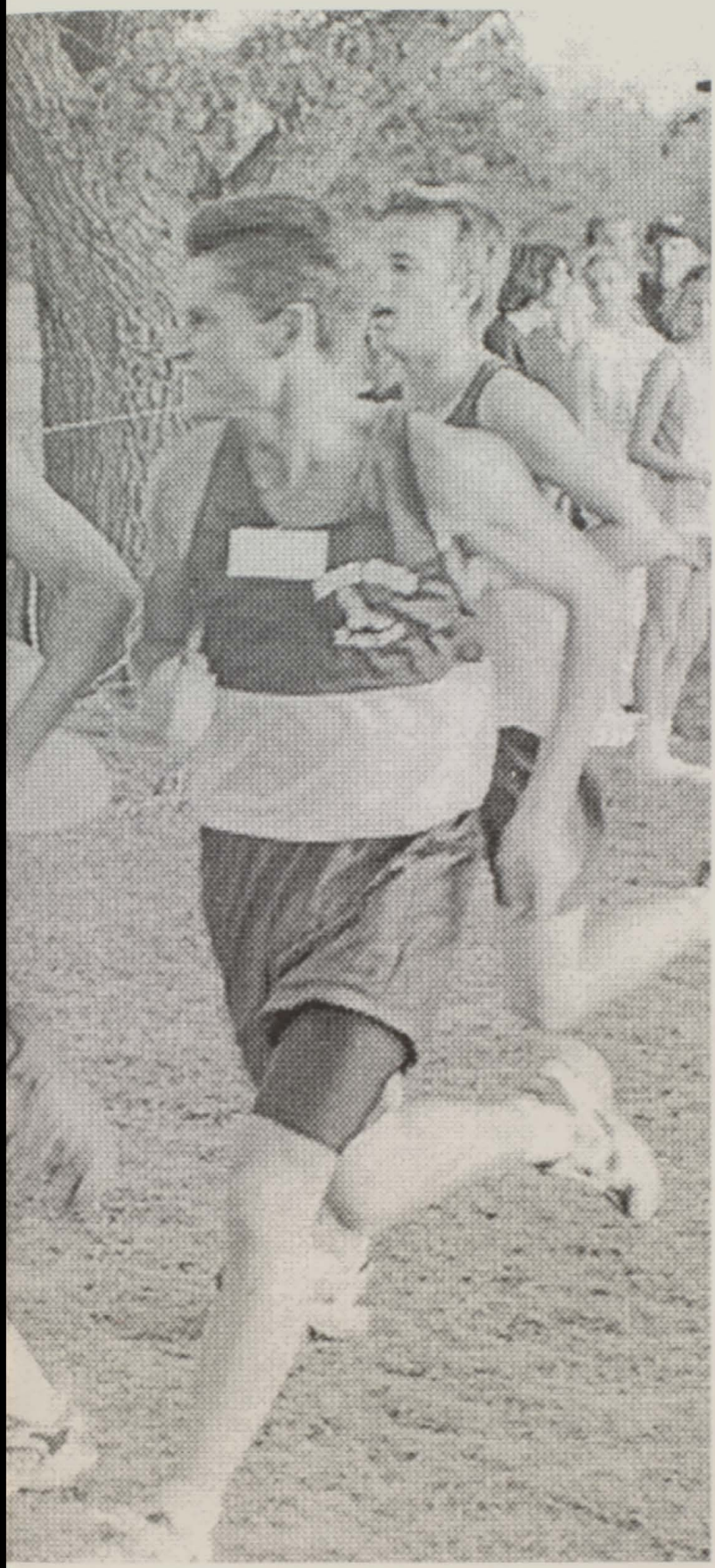
As individuals, the athletes shine brightly, but as a team, they are even brighter. The little lights all together make a fiery blaze for Christ that shows no matter what competition is going on. While the teams show their athletic talent during competition, they truly shine Jesus' light to the other teams through their Christ-like attitudes and good sportsmanship.

Junior **Adair Ballagh** said, "The team members have shown great Christian character through their attitudes this year. Everyone encourages each other and helps each other to perform to the best of their ability, so when we play, Jesus shines through."

Winning isn't everything to the teams; in fact, it is actually when they lose that their testimonies may be the strongest. One example of this is after the Palmer football game, when Junior **Josh Schreiber** began a tradition of inviting the opposing team to join in the postgame prayer. In following games, many teams took the time to pray with the Eagle players. This football tradition soon carried over into volleyball, and eventually other sports, providing an outlet to shine for Jesus.

Through all sports events, beginning at the summer volleyball and football team camps and ending at the State track meet, the NC athletes had the opportunity to shine like stars to those around them, in both their athletic talents and in their spiritual lives.

--Becky Ritta



Freshmen **Jamie Senkbile** plays some tough defense against the Stromsburg Vikings.

Touchdown! Touchdown! Touchdown! And the Eagles score again against the Petersburg Pirates.

Junior **Russ Francl**, Senior **John Breese**, and Freshman **Robert Johnson** finish strong at the Albion cross country meet.

The 1997 football team had to

adjust

to different coaches and a different coaching style. New coaches Jeff Hower, Chad Jividen and Brandon Hamer made the practices fun while pushing the players to work their hardest. Although the season wasn't successful according to man's standards, it was a fun and enjoyable time, but above all, it brought glory to God.

Due to injuries, Freshman and Sophomore players were given the chance

to

step up and fill in the positions of other players. In spite of the inexperience, they did a nice job contributing to the team.

The season had both high and low points, as all seasons do. The team was fired up and ready to play the first game against North Loup-Scotia, and although the Eagles did not come out on top, they were able to keep their heads high and realize they played a good game.

After the North Loup-Scotia game, the Eagles led in prayer with the opposing players, and were able to witness to them. This postgame prayer became a tradition with the weekly opponents. Through these prayers and through the Eagles' testimony on the field, the team was a

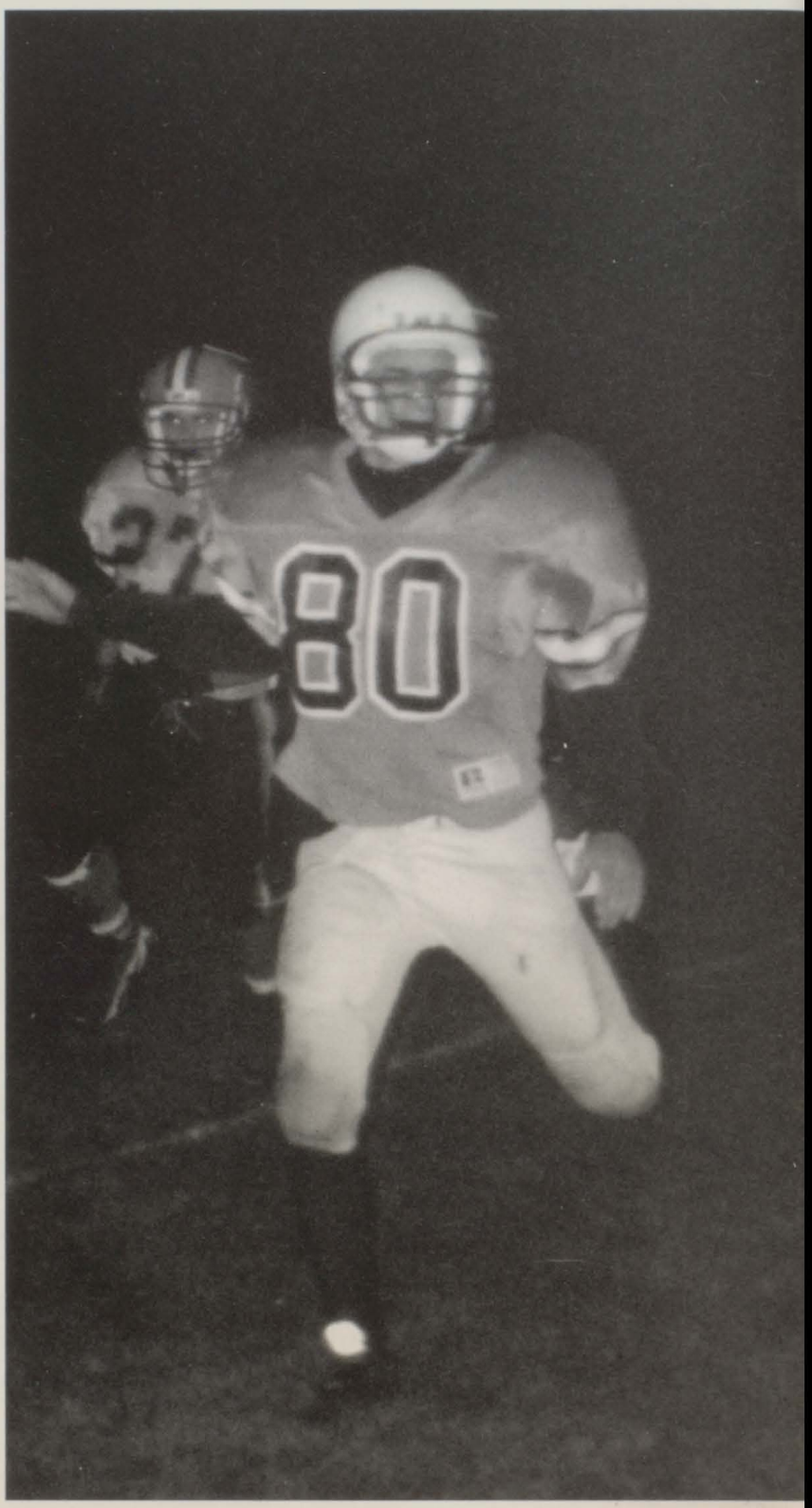
success

in God's eyes.

Even though the Eagles did not have a winning season, the players received incentive to work hard in the weight room, and prepare for the next season, to be a success in the eyes of man, but most importantly, in the eyes of God.

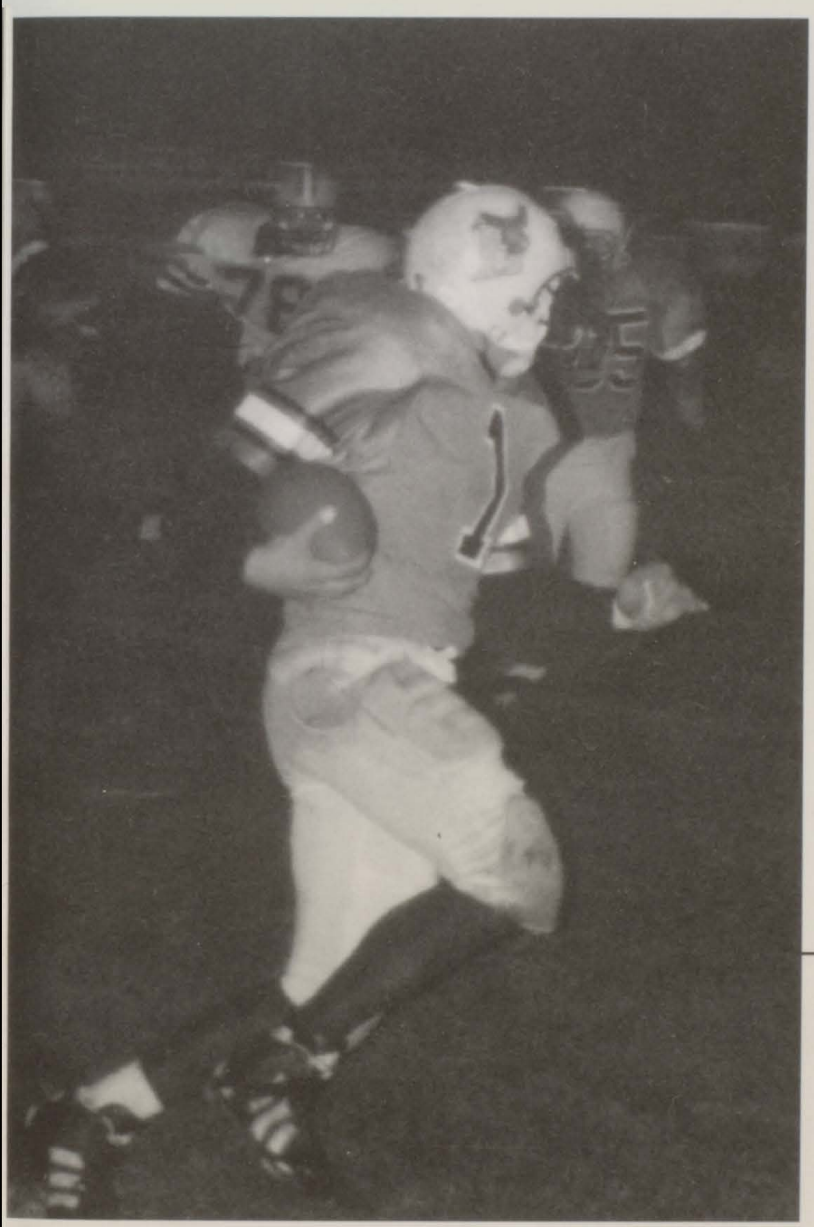
--Justin Denning

Jeremy Senkbile expresses excitement over his own and the team's performance after they defeated Petersburg.

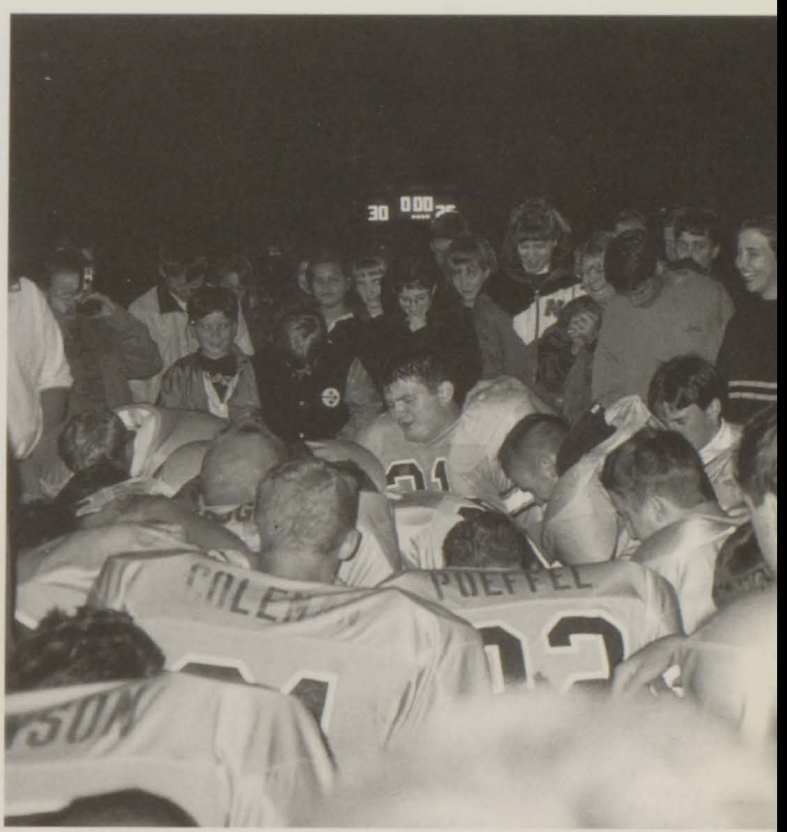


Marty Buller runs to catch a pass against a Polk-Hordville Wildcat player.

Football: (Back) Coach Jeff Hower, Josh Merchant, Brian Urwiller, Jon Seidel, Jeff Prusa, Marty Buller, Aaron Johnson, Brock Hower. (3rd) Coach Chad Jividen, Stuart Hostetler, Jeremy Senkbile, Josh Schreiber, Mike Coleman, Mike Shaffer, Dan Buller. (2nd) Justin Denning, Kyle Kinney, Caleb Merchant, Nathan Kauk, Travis Thiezsen, Adair Ballagh. (Front) Weston Cooper, Clint Cunningham, Scott McPeak, Mickey Kinney, Nathan Krug, Greg Prusa, Andrew Russell.



Justin Denning runs the ball for a first down against Polk-Hordville.



Joyful NC fans gather around the football team as senior **Jeff Prusa** thanks God for the victory over Petersburg.

	NC-Opponent
North Loup/Scotia	14-30
Polk/Hordville	14-6
Petersburg	30-26
Palmer	28-30
Cedar Rapids	22-24
St. Edward	32-67
Clarks	41-14
Greeley	34-0
Howells	14-39

The volleyball season brought together a team with

hopes

and fears. Another year had come to learn to appreciate others and become a team. The team was diverse in age and personality. Each girl learned how to look past differences and at the real person inside.

Each girl contributed something special to the team. Appreciation for each one on the team was shown through character trait sheets. Team members were asked to write down an appreciated facet of each person. The results were typed out and given to whom they described. These sheets took the focus off self and put emphasis on other individuals,bringing the team together as a whole. One

fear

was a new coach to adjust to. The differences in coaching styles became evident as the season progressed. Making the adjustment was imperative for a successful season. The fear of not knowing Coaches Kremer or Bremer or their styles was conquered and the season became a success.

The hopes of this team were as diverse as the girls who made it up. One common goal was to be successful. Success doesn't always mean winning, but it is an attitude of the heart, although winning games was a much sought after goal. The team as a whole achieved

success

by witnessing to the opposing teams. At the conclusion of each game, opponents had the opportunity of praying on the court with the Lady Eagles. Prayer took the focus off the winner and the loser and put it on the talents and abilities of each individual, as well as Jesus, the One who gave the talents. Through all the hopes and fears, struggles and triumphs, the Lady Eagles became strong in the Lord and as a team.

--Tammy Stuhmer

Senior **Emily Kauk** sets the ball to front row hitter Senior **Lisa Anderson**.

Jamie Senkbile and **Becky Holmstedt** await their first game with Coach Kremer. Team members loved Coach Kremer's cheerful personality and laughed when she named volleyballs or did flips across the gym floor.

Volleyball: (Back) Tarra Medbery, Tammy Stuhmer, Emily Kauk, Jamie Senkbile. (Middle) Coach Nikki Bremer, Beth Ritta, Shellie Cruetzberg, Gaylene Maddox, Caryn Dockweiler, Beth Anderson, Amber Medbery, Adrienne Stelk, Katie Ritta, Bonni Meckel, Denae Denning, Leslie Theissen, Mandy Stelk, Becky Holmstedt. (Front) Amanda Johnson, Sarah Buller, Sarah Peterson, Molly McHargue, Meggan Riley, Lisa Anderson, Tifany Chase, Susan Breese, Coach Julie Kremer.

Freshman hitter **Amber Regier** spikes the ball over the net to a Monroe player.

Nebraska Christian Players pray with opposing team Spaulding Academy.

	NC-Opponent		NC-Opponent
North Loup/Scotia	0-2	Palmer	0-2
Clarks	0-2	St. Edward	1-2
Stromsburg	0-2	Greeley	0-2
Petersburg	2-1	Petersburg	2-1
Osceola	0-2	Greeley	0-2
Sutton	0-2	Monroe	2-0
Silver Creek	0-2	Spaulding	0-2
Cedar Rapids	0-2	St. Edward	1-2

Overcoming the odds. Doing what you didn't think was possible. Facing your fears. For the first time in many years, the cross-country team learned the meanings of these words to the deepest degree. It was an idea sown the year before that somehow caught on. Why don't we start a

cross-

country team? A group of nine determined, yet slightly apprehensive runners made up the team. Most team members were unsure of the commitment, but had a dream of what we wanted to achieve. We were not disappointed. Cross-country brought out the best and worst of us. We learned what it meant to strive and succeed, to persevere in times of doubt, to go to the end, to never give up, to thrill in the joy of crossing a finish line, and to stand proud because we *knew* we won, no matter what the stopwatch said. Senior **Nicole Holtorf** put it this way, "Cross-

country

was the most challenging thing I had done, but I learned about success, stamina, and determination." Our team pulled together to add a new sport to the athletic program at NC, and to give it the attention and respect it deserved, and we had fun doing it. Senior **John Breese** remarked that he especially enjoyed getting the opportunity to get to know people at competitions that he would have had no other chance to meet. Junior **Cara Jensen** added that the support of friends encouraged her throughout the season. In the end, we as a team brought home several medals and took one competitor, Freshman **Kassia Anderson**, to state. All participants were able to meet goals they had set and see improvements in their times. Starting the season with only running two miles per practice, we worked up to a twelve mile run shortly before the end of the season. It was definitely an

experience

we will never forget. Now we're ready for next year.

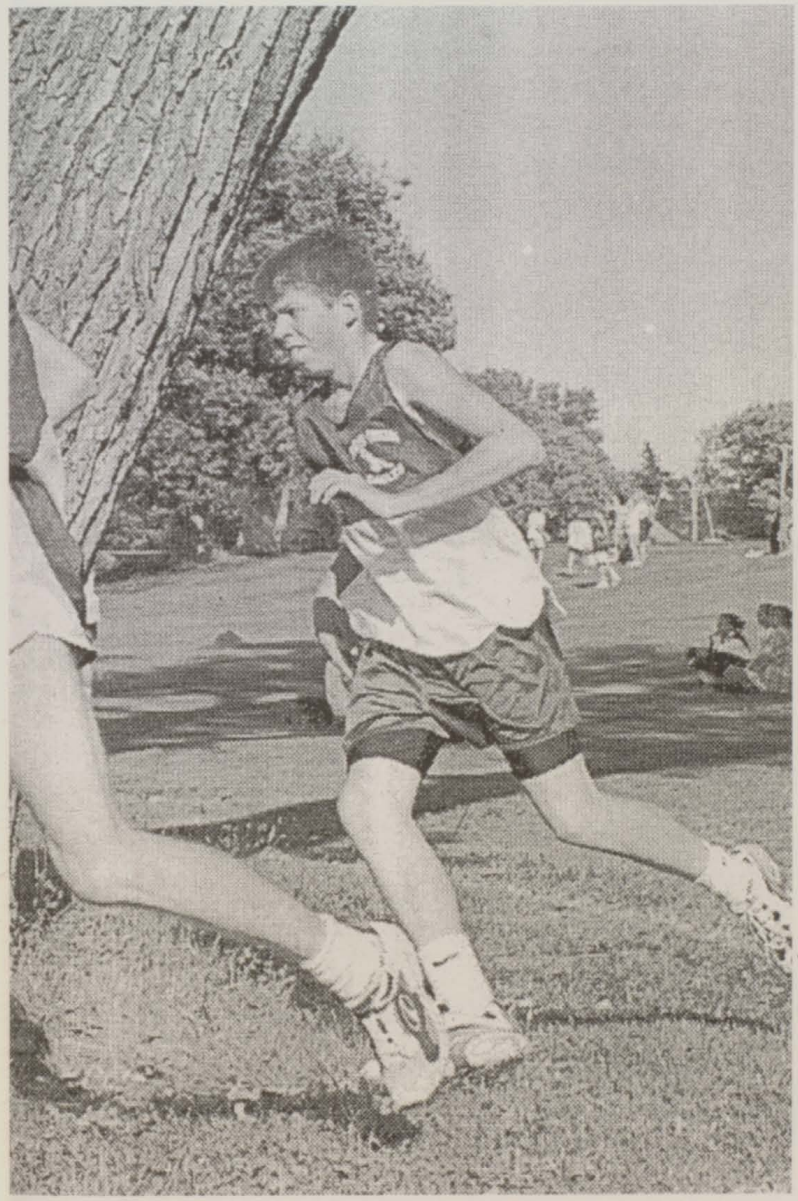
--Susanna Weiss

Junior **Susanna Weiss** gives it her all at the meet in Central City.

Juniors **Cara Jensen, Susanna Weiss, Sheree Goertzen**, and Freshman **Kassia Anderson** stretch out in preperation for a hot, strenous practice.

Cross-Country:

Sheree Goertzen, Tyler Jones, Susanna Weiss, Robert Johnson, John Breese, Kassia Anderson, Russ Francl, Cara Jensen, Nicole Holtorf. Not Pictured: Coach Johnson, Coach Hoff.



Sophmore **Tyler Jones** moves up to pass another runner at the Central City meet.

Sophmore **Tyler Jones**, Junior **Russ Francl**, Freshmen **Robert Johnson** and **Kassia Anderson**, along with head van driver **Mr. Pedersen** cool off in the shade after a meet.

Senior **Nicole Holtorf** and Junior **Cara Jensen** pace themselves at the Central City meet.

As the 1997-98 basketball season approached, many players set goals, for themselves and for the team as a whole. Individual

goals

ranged from making Varsity to starting Varsity to simply giving one hundred percent at all times. Only the players themselves could tell if they met their personal goals, but the team's main goal to set forth a clear picture of Christ to each opponent was met, and perhaps even surpassed. Though this was the team's main goal, shots at the Conference and District Championships were not out of their minds.

But what makes this year's creative blend of faces on the team different? What makes it special? This year's team was unique

for

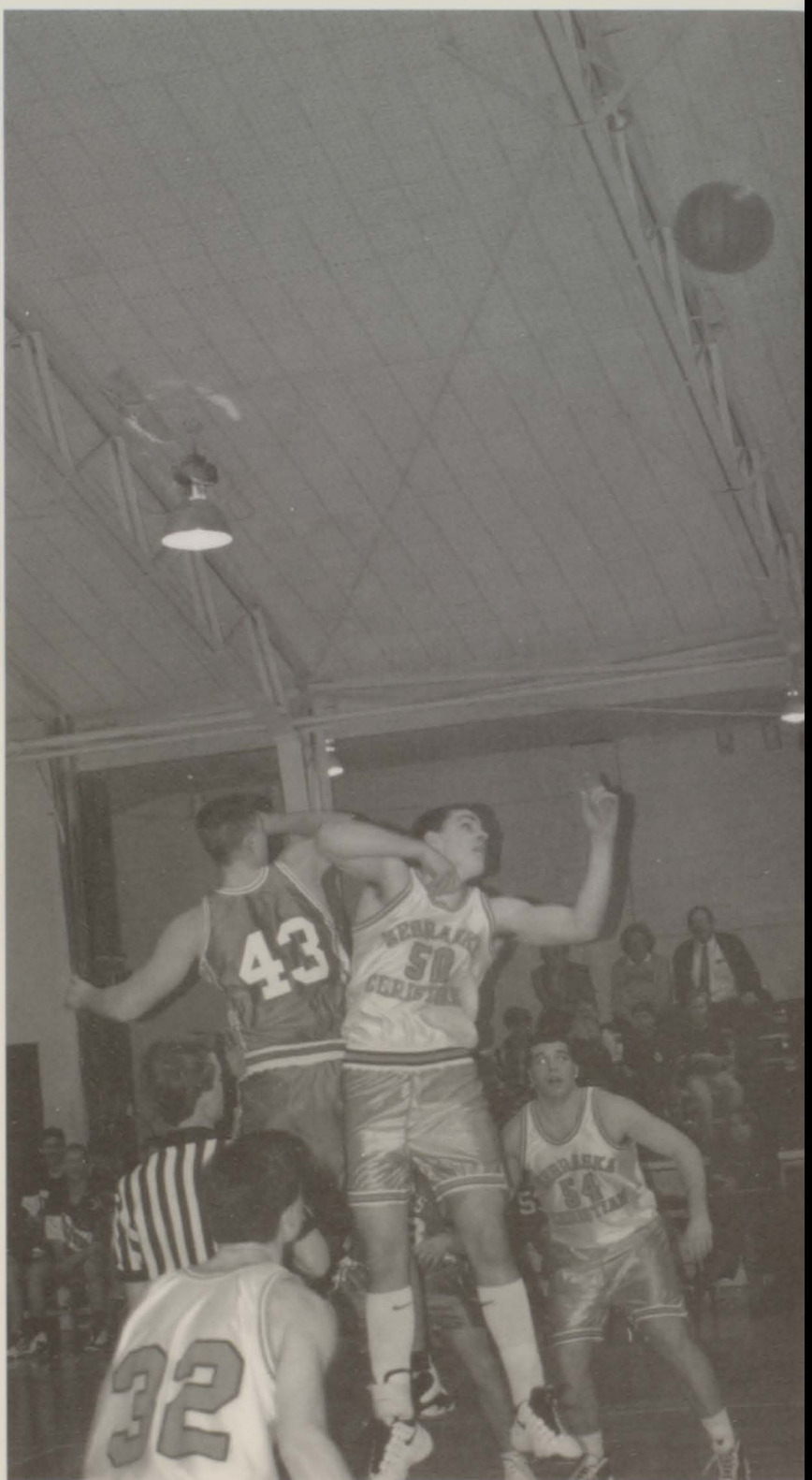
several reasons from a modified style of offense to the biggest team in NC history. The greatest difference, though, was that the team was unified. Throughout the season, seven different players achieved starting positions, and the encouragement they received was remarkable. Through soaring victories and devastating losses, this group of players achieved a sense of unity through

Christ

that transformed them into a team, working for a common goal--to shine like stars and reflect Jesus to the world around them.

--Jeff Prusa

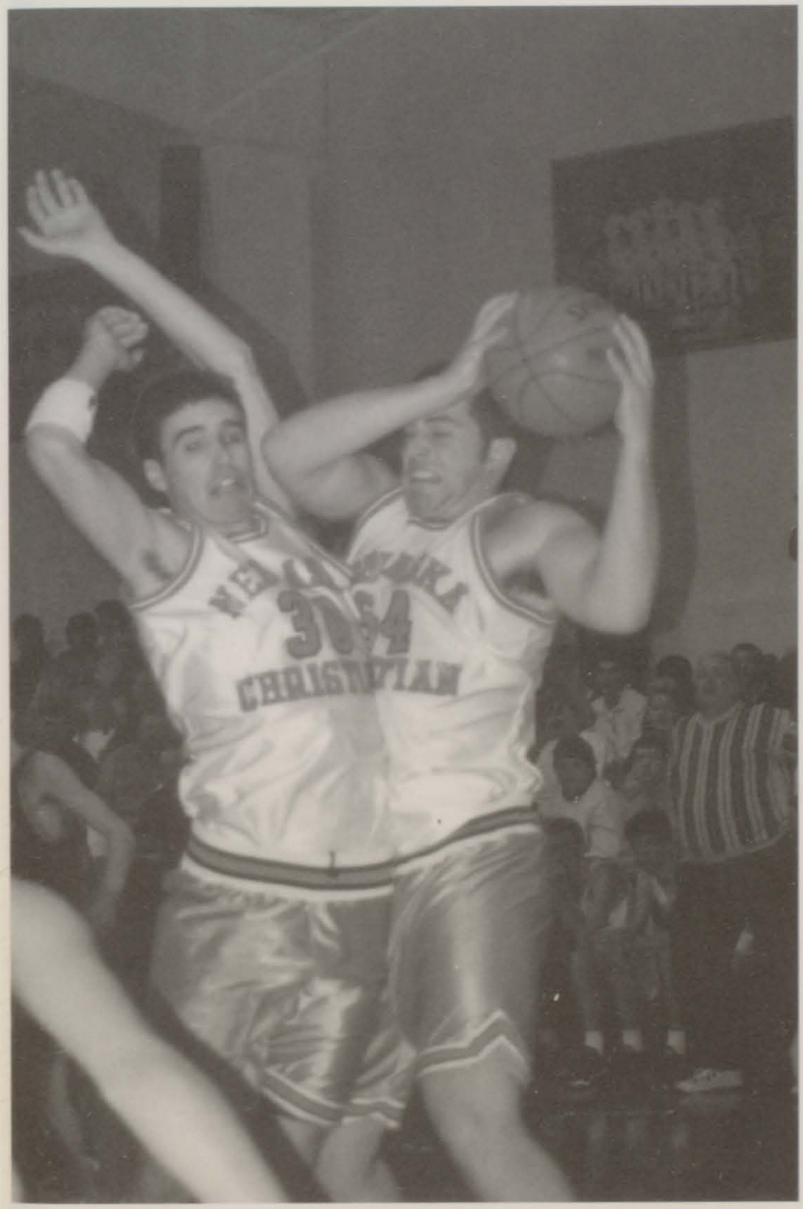
Junior **Dan Buller** looks for another Eagle player so he can keep the ball away from the Stromsburg defender.



Junior **Josh Schreiber** battles for the jump ball while Junior **Jeremy Senkbile** watches for the basketball.

Boys Basketball:

(Back) Coach Larry Schreiber, Josh Schreiber, Mike Fuller, Jon Seidel, Jeff Prusa, Jeremy Senkbile, Coach Jon Musgrave. (3rd) Dan Buller, Taichi Yoshinari, Stuart Hostetler, Jeremy Janzen, Russ Francl, Justin Denning, Adair Ballagh. (2nd) Michael Shaffer, Travis Thieszen, Nathan Kauk, Tyler Jones, Caleb Merchant, Weston Cooper, Nathan Krug. (Front) Scott McPeak, Robert Johnson, Clint Cunningham, Andrew Russell, Mickey Kinney, Nathan Litchfield, Greg Prusa. Not Pictured: Josh Merchant, Micah Munger.



Juniors **Stuart Hostetler** and **Jeremy Senkbile** collide as they come down to the ground after rebounding the basketball.

Senior **Jeff Prusa** battles Palmer Tiger defenders as he shoots for another score.

	NC-Opponent		NC-Opponent
St. Edward	37-53	Cedar Rapids	47-80
Monroe	89-63	Benedict	72-75
Elba	60-54	Greeley	49-53
Polk-Hordville	35-61	Silver Creek	59-68
North Loup-Scotia	52-55	Palmer	60-61
Clarks	46-47	Petersburg	75-70
Bradshaw	68-35	Osceola	73-70 OT
Palmer	64-65	Shelby	53-56
Stromsburg	40-62		

Together because of Jesus - the goal of the Girls' Basketball Team proved to be teamwork. When the Lady Eagles took the court, their love for basketball, each other, and for Jesus Christ shone through. With Jesus as the center of the team, the women worked hard to improve for each other and Christ. Three words come to mind -Desire, Determination, and Dedication.

Desire

brought the wish to play the best and to use talents to serve Christ could be seen through hard work, encouragement, and spiritual leadership. Competition, not only among other teams, but also within the team, played a major role in improvement. Seven girls exchanged starting positions, and several JV players stepped into Varsity jerseys; their cravings to be a successful team and champions for Jesus led them with determination and dedication.

Determination

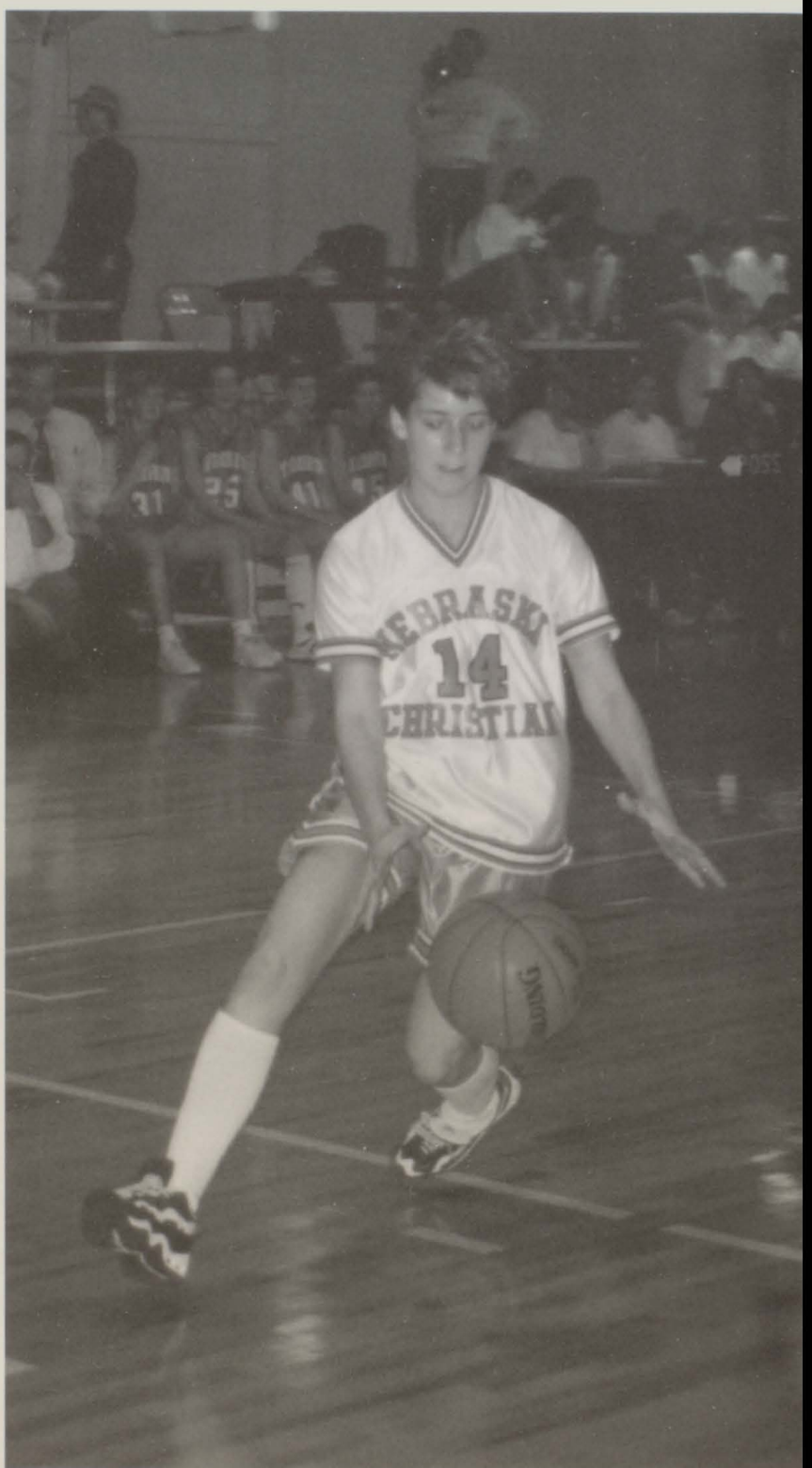
is defined as "a firm intention: or firmness of purpose." The team has shown itself to be "one in spirit and purpose" through many circumstances. Personal, team and spiritual goals ranging from winning games to showing Godly qualities helped each member strive for excellence. The team intended to prove that NC girls could play basketball, and they did. With wins under their belt, they entered the last half of the season with more dedication.

Dedication

is wholehearted devotion. Team unity was a factor; encouragement was given and received. The girls were devoted to each other and the team. A love for the game was their driving force when the heat was on. Most importantly, dedication to Jesus Christ tied them together. They were together because of Jesus.

--Nicole Holtorf

Freshman **Jamie Senkbile** defends a Bradshaw player on the Lady Eagle's home court.



Sophomore **Sarah Peterson** runs down the court for a layup.

Girls Basketball:

(Back) Student Manager Bonni Meckel, Jamie Senkbile, Nicole Holtorf, Tammy Stuhmer, Adrienne Stelk, Denae Denning, Shellie Creutzberg, Sarah Buller, Student Manager Ashley Chase. (Middle) Coach Paul McHargue, Emily Kauk, Tifany Chase, Sarah Peterson, Amber Medbery, Beth Ritta, Amanda Johnson, Katie Ritta, Kassia Anderson. (Front) Coach Julie Kremer, Karla Wall, Leslie Thiessen, Susanna Weiss, Sheree Goertzen, Rachel Kaiser. Not Pictured: Tarra Medbery.

Sophomore **Tarra Medbery** dribbles the basketball down the court.

Senior **Nicole Holtorf** looks for an open player as Senior **Tammy Stuhmer** fights to get open.

	NC-Opponent		NC-Opponent
Palmer	29-56	Clarks	32-56
St. Edward	35-55	Stromsburg	39-62
Monroe	53-40	Cedar Rapids	27-43
Elba	44-70	Benedict	52-38
Polk-Hordville	32-62	Greeley	47-53
North Loup-Scotia	46-64	Silver Creek	43-59
Clarks	37-53	Petersburg	30-29
Bradshaw	64-42	Osceola	40-50

The mention of track practices brings the thoughts of running small, medium, and large sections, triangles, windsprints, harnesses, and lots of pain. Track also brings

memories

of track meets, motivation, and times with friends. Even though track is a lot of hard work, over forty students went out this year, proving it to be one of the most popular sports at Nebraska Christian. Why did so many students put themselves through the pain and agony of the difficult practices? Some runners went out simply because they liked running and learning how hard they can run without truly dying. For others, track was an opportunity to learn self-motivation

through

pushing themselves to their physical limits. The track members learned that what they put into practice was exactly what they would get out of it. Runners also found opportunities to get to know each other better. Running several miles a day with teammates usually goes faster when there is someone to talk to and laugh with. Even at the track meets, the Eagle team members had several opportunities to see and maintain friendships with competitors from other schools they saw at almost every meet. This advantage showed through at the meets, as the members could get to know and witness to these other competitors.

Track members found several privileges from being on the team and going through the

pain

of tough workouts, from personal challenges of individual events, to meeting other competitors and getting to know your own teammates better. These advantages helped them get through the season's aches and pains in practices.

--Beth Anderson

Runners Senior **Nicole Holtorf**, Junior **Becky Holmstedt**, and Freshman **Amber Medbery** come in on the home stretch of the triangle on a cold day of track practice.

Freshman **Weston Cooper** jumps over the hurdle during practice on a cold, blustery day.

Track: (Back) Coach Larry Hoff, Jeff Prusa, Stuart Hostetler, Josh Merchant, Brian Urwiller, Marty Buller, Eric Bjorkman, Coach Larry Schreiber. (5th Row) Jeremy Senkbile, Nathaniel Zornes, Jeremy Poeffel, Robert Johnson, Greg Prusa, Justin Denning, Coach Marlow Pedersen. (4th Row) Nathan Kauk, Scott McPeak, Andrew Russell, Caleb Merchant, Mickey Kinney, Weston Cooper, Clint Cunningham, Josh Schreiber. (3rd Row) Manager Lanea Garwood, Gaylene Maddox, Amber Medbery, Maggan Riley, Nicole Holtorf, Emily Kauk, Jamie Senkbile. (2nd Row) Leslie Theissen, Tarra Medbery, Katie Ritta, Amber Regier, Cara Jensen, Becky Holmstedt, Mandy Stelk. (Front) Tifany Chase, Sarah Peterson, Kassia Anderson, Denae Denning, Rebecca Johnson, Lana Daniels, Amber Fagan.

Junior **Jeremy Senkbile** makes his first attempt at high jump during practice.

Sophomore **Kate Ritta** works with Coach Schreiber on her form in discus throwing.

Track Meets

March 19	Doane Indoor Invite
March 24	Republican-Nonpareil
April 3	Clarks Invitational
April 8	Petersburg Invitational
April 15	Nebraska Christian Invite
April 25	Palmer Invitational
April 27	Grand Island Champions
May 1	Centura Invitational
May 7	Conference @ Albion
May 13	District
May 22-23	State

The junior high sports season started out a little rough due to a lack of players. The

volleyball

season was tough but the girls fought hard and ended with a 3-4 record. According to eighth grader **Amy Schreiber**, "The team unity is much stronger this year than before because we know we have to work together. Almost all the teams we play will be bigger than us but we can overcome that through Jesus Christ."

The boys also struggled, but according to seventh grader **Jeremy Urban**, "We have gotten better after every game in

football

and basketball and now we feel more confident." The boys ended their football season with a 1-3 record.

Both basketball seasons started out great. The girls won their first game 30-21 over Silver Creek. Although the boys lost against Silver Creek, they came back strong in

basketball

for Palmer.

Through every season, each team learned not only about the sport, but also about sportsmanship and even spiritual matters. Seventh Grader **Rachel Cooper** said, "It's really fun to play in sports and to play as team members. Everyone works together well." The teams were involved spiritually when they prayed before and after all the games. The girls also had devotions before each game.

The Junior High teams learned many things and were successful in their sports and in their witness. They learned to work together as a team to find success.

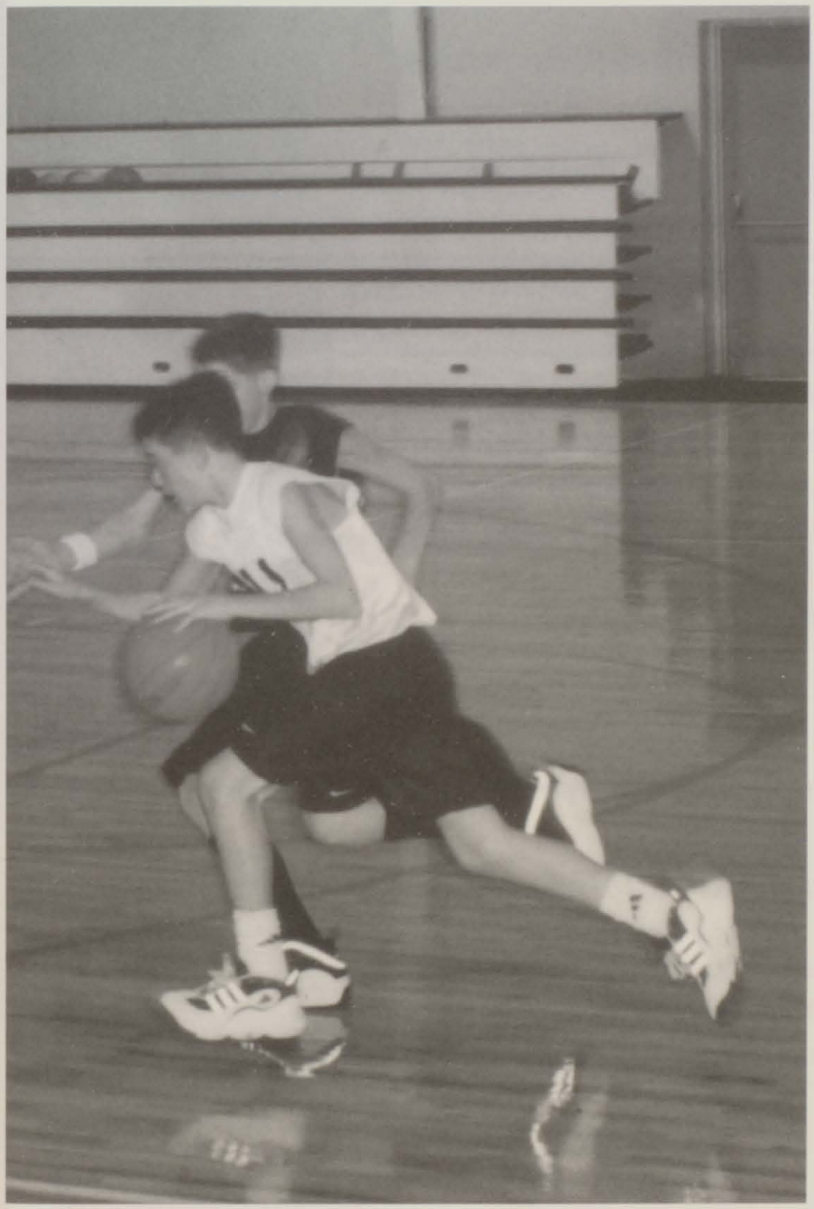
--Denae Denning

Seventh Grade quarterback **Ryan Rouse** runs from the opposition during a game one afternoon.

The Junior High Volleyball girls gather in the huddle to discuss their next play.

Boys: **Back:** Jon Kirby, Mark Creutzberg, Chase Francl, Titus Hattan. **Middle:** Stephen Reha, Sean Bokelman, Jon Reha, Aaron McHargue. **Front:** Andrew Ritta, Jeremy Urban, Ryan Rouse.

Girls: Student Coach Emily Kauk, Rachel Cooper, Amy Schreiber, Ashley Chase, Jennifer McIntyre, Katie Cunningham, Stephani Deichmann. Not Pictured: Lisa Weedin.



Eighth Grader **Chase Francl** dashes down the court to make a basket during a game.

The Nebraska Christian Girls put their defense to the test during a basketball game.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11

Gaylene,

You've grasped the most important thing in your life already - a relationship with your Creator! I thank Him for the privilege of being your Mother and caring for you.

I Love You!
Mom

Colossians 3:2, 23-24

"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men: Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."

Congratulations Lisa!

We love you, and are very proud of you!
Dad, Mom, and Eric

Dear Jonathan,

From the first day of school to the last, we have watched you grow into a gracious young man. We are so thankful that the Lord has allowed us to be your parents. You are such a blessing! We are excited to see God's plan for your future.

Love,
Dad & Mom

Our prayer for you is found in Colossians1:9-14

Congratulations Josh!

"He has told you, O man what is good and what does the Lord require of you. But to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your GOD."

Micah 6:8

We love you always,

Dad and Mom

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Beth Kay Nestor

We rejoice with you Beth at this milestone accomplished at Nebraska Christian School. The Lord annointed you for service in eastern Germany, may you continue to follow his leading in your years to come. We love you Beth, and intercede for you.

With joy,
Dad & Sarah

Matthew 28:19-20

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"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments; His praise endures forever. Psalm 111:10

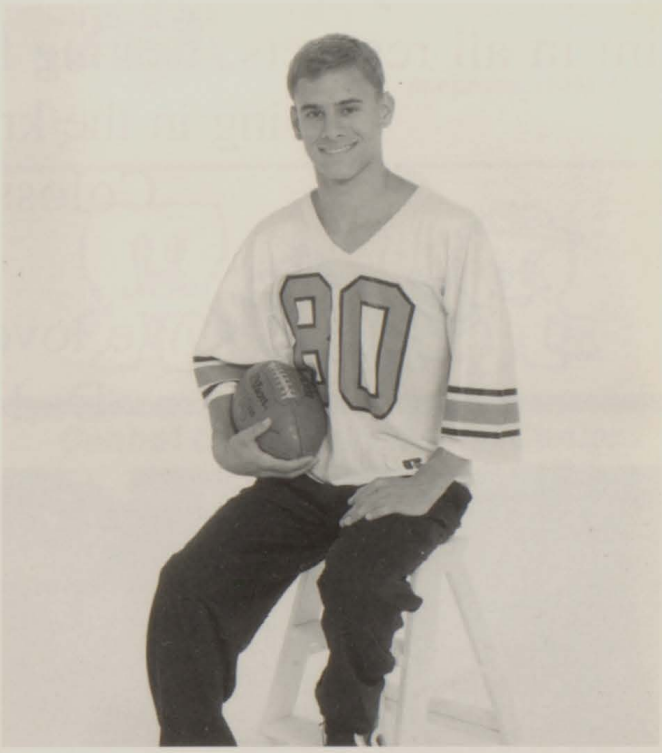
Inventive

We love you and are proud of you Aaron. Love, Dad, Mom, Mike, Amanda

Congratulations, Martin Fredrick, at this special time in your life.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (vs. 25) "All athletes practice strict self-control. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize."

Marty, we are so proud of your football and track accomplishments over the years. But we are mostly proud of your strong convictions and boldness to witness to your co-workers. God's Word will not return empty without accomplishing His desires.



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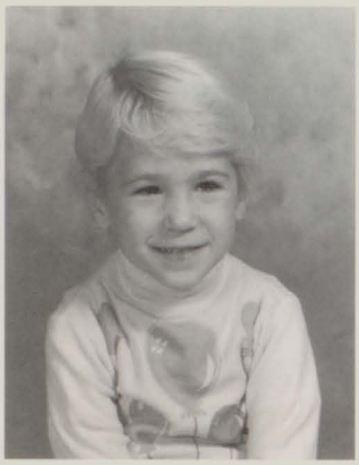
We love you, Mom and Dad

Dear Joni,

We are so thankful to our Heavenly Father for allowing us to be your parents. You have been such a blessing and we love you. Remember to always put Christ first in your life and no matter what may come He will always provide the strength and courage you need to follow Him.



"We have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all understanding, so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."
Colossians 1:9-10

We love you always,
Dad and Mom

Congratulations, Judy!

We love you,

Mom, Stephen, Jon, Ashley

Josh,
"Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart."
Psalm 37:3-4
We're proud of the young man you've grown to be.
Love,
Dad and Mom

Jeff,
We thank God for you and the joy you have brought to our lives. Remember, God, who has been so faithful in the past, will continue to be faithful in your future.
Therefore, our dear Jeff, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourself fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.
(1 Corinthians 15:58)
Love, Mom, Dad, Eric, Nikki, Greg

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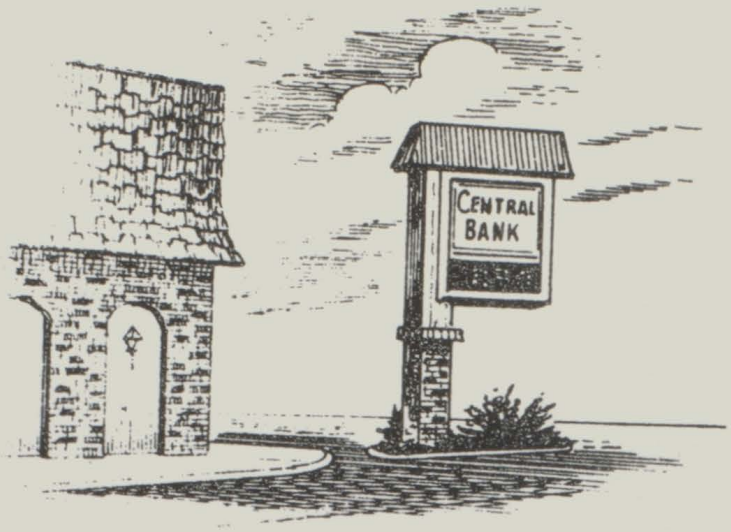

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---Sheila Walsh

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Deuteronomy 31:8

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Though they seem to last forever
Looking back we really share a precious few
Learning and laughing and growing up
Living each day anew

Turning strangers into family
Through pranks and football games,
We find that with each memory we share
Our lives become better than when we came.

Classroom discussions, midterms,
Report cards and study hall,
We survive it all together
And manage to have fun through it all.

Cheerleading and Cross-country
Ensemble, Band and Choir,
Each has memories of those special times
Things that would lift our spirits higher.

With school socials, sports teams,
Pep rallies, yearbook, speech
With the friendships we gain here
Who knows what mountain tops we reach.

These are the days we will remember
Each memory becomes precious and true,
So when God leads your life away from here
May you remember the friendship shown to you.

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